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IN GOOD VOICE: Singers rehearse for their big performance on Friday to welcome the Olympic Flame.

Pictures by Mark Cleveland

Sing up for the Olympics



AFTER ME: Composer Tolga Kashfi leads the way.



MORE than 2,000 choristers will perform at City Beach to welcome the Olympic Torch on Friday.

The singers, aged between eight and 80, will be performing a piece of music, titled 'Anthem: Let Your Light Shine'.

The project has attracted nationwide attention for its grand scale.

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Man loses legal bid after Rottweiler mauls seven-year-old boy

DOG OWNER JAILED

By Charles Thomson

A WANNABE rapper whose dog mauled a seven-year-old boy has lost a legal bid to decrease his sentence and been jailed.

Rowan Diedrick, whose rap name is Re3l Devious, took two Rottweilers onto a beach, ignoring the 'no dogs' rule, last August and then let them off of their leashes.

One of the dogs – a four-year-old male called Sizzler – ran into the sea and pounced on the child, who was playing with his grandmother. The boy was left with life-changing injuries.

A dry-liner by day, Diedrick, 29, of Avenue Road, London, N14, fled the beach on Eastern Esplanade and only became known to police when his mother turned him in.

He pleaded guilty to possessing a dog, which was dangerously out of control, but claimed he had run into

the sea to save the boy and said he only left the scene because he was threatened by a group of males.

CCTV footage and witness evidence indicated Diedrick's explanation was false. Prosecutor Samantha Lowther described it as nonsense.

A 'Newton hearing' was convened at Basildon Crown Court last Monday and Tuesday so Judge Owen Davies QC could determine the truth.

The judge heard testimony from the boy's grandparents and two eyewitnesses, all of whom said that Diedrick had never entered the water.

Diedrick claimed in a police interview that six white males had run into the water after him and used threatening language.

In court, Diedrick changed his story and said he had been chased by two men after he exited the area

covered by the CCTV.

Ms Lowther said: "This is just an excuse that you've come up with to get yourself out of trouble, isn't it? You're making it up as your go along, Mr Diedrick, aren't you?"

Describing the eyewitnesses as 'credible', 'honest' and 'reliable', she told the judge: "The defendant has given inconsistent accounts, not supported by the video footage."

In an early indication that the judge did not believe Diedrick's story, he responded to Mrs Lowther: "I wasn't born yesterday!"

The judge ruled that Diedrick had fabricated his account, telling the court: "I have no hesitation in rejecting it. I have no doubt at all that the accused has invented, in order to diminish his blame for the incident, a number of matters which simply did not take place."



JAILED: Rowan Diedrick.

He sentenced Diedrick to 16 months in prison, of which eight will be served in custody.

He also ordered for the dog to be destroyed and banned Diedrick from owning a dog for 10 years.

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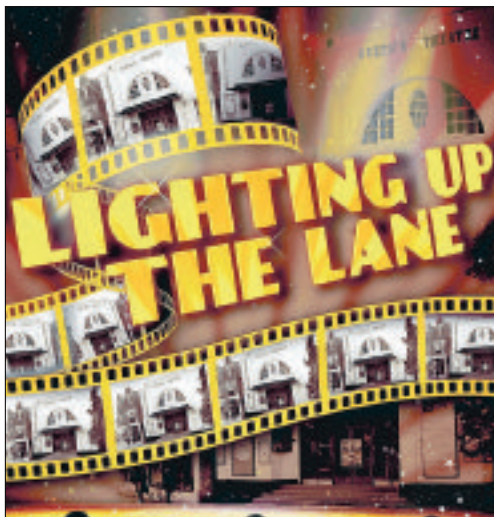
REHEARSALS are under way for Lighting Up the Lane, an all-singing all-dancing Community Musical celebrating the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch's 60th anniversary.

Boasting a 60-strong cast of local residents aged between eight and 69, Lighting Up the Lane looks back at the Theatre's origins in its very first building in Station Lane, Hornchurch.

The musical, which runs from July 18 to 21, is created by local writing team Dave Ross with Gerry Sweeney and Patrick O'Sullivan, directed by Patrick O'Sullivan with music by Steven Markwick and lyrics by Dave Ross.

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The Community Musical



and exhibition are supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and a certain amount of tickets will be given to community groups across Havering. Any community organisations who would like to watch the show should call 01708 443333.

For further information or tickets, which cost £12.50 or £9 for concessions, call the

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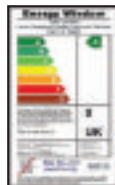
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Get on yer bike for churches



THE FRIENDS of Essex Church Trust launched its Ride and Stride event last Friday.

The Bishop of Bradwell, the Right Reverend John Wraw, was joined by Revd Canon Stephen Burdett, at St John's Church, in Southend.

People from all over the Diocese will be taking part either walking or riding to as many places of worship as possible.

In the past one family have sailed to the churches on the banks of the River Blackwater.

A Brentwood choir quartet, known as the Song Cycle, has also raised money by singing at every church they have visited.

The vision of the event is to visit as many places of worship as participants can.

Bishop John said the event had been well supported in the past.

He said: "The Friends of Essex Churches Trust Ride and Stride is a great example of people from the various Christian denominations coming together in a good cause.

"The funds they raise go towards the repair of buildings that are vital community assets as well as places of worship."

Last year the event raised almost £100,000 to works on churches and chapels in Essex and east London.

Half of the money raised on the day will go to the volunteers local church and the other half goes into grants to other churches.

If you would like to take part in the event visit www.foect.org.uk

CYCLE: Revd Canon Stephen Burdett and the Bishop of Bradwell, the Right Reverend John Wraw, get ready for the ride.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



Robin Hood's coming to town

THE Essex Robin Hood Country Show is returning to Southend next weekend.

It will display continuous arena events such as world class jousting displays and spectacular falconry stunts.

A visit to the fun and educational medieval village will give children an experience of what life was like in the Middle Ages, then bounce back into the 21st Century with exciting BMX stunt shows and paintball firing ranges.

With countryside attractions including gundog training and ferret-

ing displays, with shopping at Countryman's Walk, a parade dedicated to fishing, country apparel and shooting visitors will have a variety of things to experience.

The event will be held at Garons Park, Southend, on Saturday, and Sunday, between, 9.30am and 5pm.

To book tickets visit www.robinhoodcountryshow.co.uk or call 01702 549623.

COUNTRY: "Robin Hood" Maddie Rustman and "Lady" Tasha Thor Straten pin up notice for the forthcoming Fayre.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

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Tip hours changed

TIPS in Southend have changed the hours they are open.

The Stock Road waste site will now be closed on Thursdays, with the Leigh Marshes being shut down on Wednesdays.

In addition, the Monday to Friday opening hours of both sites have also changed.

Both sites now open at 9am from Mondays to Fridays rather than the previous 8am start, but on Saturdays and Sundays both Leigh Marshes and Stock Road will continue to open at 8am.

Road resurfaced

NESS Road in Shoeburyness was closed for three days last week for resurfacing.

During the period which started last Friday no vehicle was permitted to enter, wait, load or unload in Ness Road between its junctions with the North Shoebury Road and Elm Road roundabouts.

Vehicles belonging to Essex Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and the East of England Ambulance NHS Trust were exempt from these rules.

Gas works begin

MAJOR gas renewal works started this week along Victoria Avenue from Southend Museum to St Mary's Church.

The initial section between Shakespeare Drive and Prittlewell Chase will require a road closure, with a suitable diversionary route in place.

The next section up to the traffic lights at the junction with Victoria Avenue will be possible to complete with lane closures alone.

Men trapped

FIRECREWS were called to the University of Essex Campus, in Elmer Approach, to rescue three men who were stuck in a crane's cage for one-and-a-half hours.

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Mauling culprit was stab hero

THE MAN at the centre of the Southend dog mauling case had come to the attention of the police three months before the incident – as a hero who fought to save the life of a stabbing victim.

Rowan Diedrick, 29, of Avenue Road, London, N14, told the court he had been left traumatised after rushing to the aid of a wounded neighbour in May 2011.

Prosecutor Samantha Lowther confirmed that Diedrick's next door neighbour had been stabbed in the chest and when police arrived at the scene they found him administering CPR to the victim, whose life was saved. Diedrick became a witness in the case.

He told the court last Tuesday that the incident had left him 'paranoid'.

He said: "It changed my whole life. I had to move house."

He told police that the culprits in the stabbing had begun sending him threats. He explained in court: "The people who stabbed the boy wanted me dead. Obviously, I kept him alive and ruined their plans."

Diedrick left his home and moved

in with his mother, who refused to take in his two Rottweilers.

He told the court: "My mum didn't want dogs in her house so I wasn't getting to see my dogs regularly."

He had taken the dogs on a day out to Southend when one of them attacked the seven-year-old boy.

Diedrick told police after his arrest in February that he had fled the beach on Eastern Esplanade because he felt threatened by a group of six white males who ran into the water behind him.

He said the threats he had received over the stabbing had left him paranoid about knives and told police he had feared the men were carrying weapons. However, CCTV showed that no males had run into the water after him.

Diedrick insisted in court that he had felt threatened by a group of nearby volleyball players.

He told the court: "If I didn't feel threatened then I wouldn't have left the scene."

Judge Owen Davies ruled that the story was 'entirely disproved by portions of the CCTV'.

'Dog owner got what he deserved'

THE GRANDMOTHER of the seven-year-old boy mauled by a Rottweiler in Southend has said owner Rowan Diedrick deserved his jail sentence.

Speaking after Diedrick was jailed for 16 months, she said: "I thought the judge was very sound."

"Although we didn't start out wanting or expecting Mr Diedrick to have a long sentence, I think the way he conducted himself throughout the course of the trial, he deserved what he got."

"He didn't show very much

remorse and he's only got himself to blame. I saw on the internet that outside the courthouse he said all the lies that had been told about him would come out in the court."

"I thought that was rather silly on his part. It completely backfired on him."

"The things Diedrick said were not only in conflict with what we said, but what he said too. There was no consistency to what he said."

"If he had just shown some humility and remorse, he might not have got such a long sentence."

Grandmother breaks down in court as she recalls mauling

By Charles Thomson

THE GRANDMOTHER of a seven-year-old boy mauled by a Rottweiler broke down in tears as she recounted the incident in court.

Susan Cox told a judge she was teaching her grandson to use a bodyboard on Friday, August 5, 2011, when the animal struck.

She said: "The dog just bounded past me and leapt onto his back and sank its teeth into his back, and the weight of the dog just pushed him down into the water."

"I thought he was going to drown so I just grabbed hold of what I realise now was the collar and yanked as hard as I could, and the dog came out of the water it was still attached to his shoulder."

She said the dog shook its head and dropped the boy into the water, then bit him twice in the left arm, pushing him underwater a second time.

She said: "It was all so sudden. I remember feeling absolutely terrified because the dog seemed to come out of nowhere. I just had to save him. I had to get the dog off. That was all I was thinking."

She told the court her grandson was so traumatised that he could not speak.

She said: "He was just shaking, white as anything. He didn't make a sound."

She told the judge: "Blood was pouring off of him. I couldn't easily distinguish exactly what the injuries were. It was just



red blood flowing from the top of him."

She said blood was 'dropping off of him like rain' and landing on rocks in two-inch wide splashes.

As Mrs Cox scrambled for her mobile phone, onlooker Anita Macer came to her aid. Giving evidence last week, Mrs Macer said she sat the boy on her lap and tried to keep him calm.

Breaking down in tears, she described how the boy had complained that his back was stinging and she had thought it was because of the towel he was wrapped up

in. As she removed the towel, she saw he had 'terrible wounds'.

She told the judge: "It turned my stomach." Mrs Cox described to the judge how she saw the wounds properly for the first time after she called an ambulance.

She said: "I was really quite shocked because he had lots of slashes across his arm as though he'd been cut with a knife."

Sobbing, she added: "I remember thinking it was my fault that it was like that because I pulled the dog. I'd made it worse."

The cuts were so bad that the boy's muscle was exposed.

Judge Owen Davies QC assured Mrs Cox that her actions had been 'heroic' and had possibly saved her grandson from drowning.

The boy was taken to hospital and found to have up to 20 puncture wounds in his back.

His arms required 60 stitches.

He had to be anaesthetised four times so his wounds could be irrigated and may need skin grafts in future.

He still has to have medical cream massaged into his scars every day and will have to be monitored until he is 18 to ensure the growth in his arm is not stunted.

Police said the injuries had taken a psychological toll as well, leaving the boy 'embarrassed' about changing for PE lessons and reticent about going outside to play.

Grandfather calls for law change

A GRANDFATHER who watched his seven-year-old grandson mauled by a Rottweiler on a beach in Southend has called for a change to legislation.

Speaking before the dog's owner Rowan Diedrick was sentenced, the boy's grand-

father spoke of his hopes that the judge would send him to jail.

He said: "There was a case in Chingford a few months ago where a dog bit off part of a girl's ear and the owner didn't get sent to jail."

"I think it's time to make an example of someone. We need to do something because we can't have a climate where parents and grandparents are afraid to take their children to the park or especially to the beach."

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ART: John and Eve Stubbington from Westcliff, and Kenneth and Marian Schoedt from Denmark check out some of the work.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

Polish Arts Festival launched

A FESTIVAL celebrating Southend's Polish links was launched last Saturday.

The Polish Arts Festival opened with a selection of Robert Sobocinski's sculptures based on Southend Pier.

The collection, made of bronze, started a three month itinerary of events to mark the borough's connections with Sopot, in Poland.

Douglas Hunter, director of the Polish Arts Festival, said he was delighted the world renowned sculptor was showing his work on the landmark pier.

He said: "It's particularly fitting, given Southend's proximity to the London Olympics, that this year of all years we are able to host and showcase the work of one of Poland's leading artists on the Pier.

"Southend Pier is an experience in its own

right but there's no doubt that the experience will be enhanced with this world-class exhibition."

Events lined up in the next three months include a Polonaise on the Pier which is part of this year's Big Dance extravaganza and involves traditional Polish dance demonstrations by professional dancers, an event that will be screened in Sopot and Southend giving international connections.

There will also be a two day accordion marathon based at City Beach involving players from seven different European countries.

Exhibitions will be held at Chalkwell Hall of Polish artists.

For more information visit www.polishartsfestival.co.uk or follow on Twitter @PolishArtsFest

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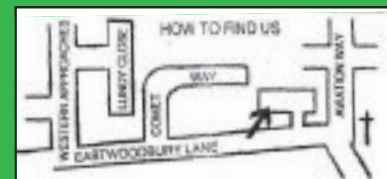
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SIGN HERE: A reveller at the Village Green Festival adds to a mural.



METAL MAFIA BOSSES: Jude Kelly OBE and Collette Bailey, who masterminded the event.

Festival fever in Chalkwell

By Paul Giles

THOUSANDS of people descended on Chalkwell Park last Saturday to celebrate the Village Green Festival.

People were treated to a tapestry of live music, art, films and internationally renowned performers.

In its fourth year people were overjoyed with the celebrations of culture.

Organiser Collette Bailey, managing director of METAL, said: "It just keeps growing and getting better each year."

"The audience diversity and how far they have come from has really shocked me."



BAND: Jake Shillingford and his band who entertained crowds at the festival.

Crowd give a thumbs up for festival

Tim Parish, 21, from Leigh, had never seen the park so lively.

He said: "I would like to see an event like this every year."

"For what it is, it's amazing to see the park come alive."

"I have seen some of my friends play in bands today which makes it a good event for local artists."



Adam Wright, 22, from Westcliff, explained the day had been a good forum for artists to show their talent.

He said: "Today has been brilliant. It has really highlighted the talent from the area."

"It's so good to see performers getting such a good reaction to what they do."



Rory Daniels, 32, from Wickford, thought the day had been a peaceful event.

He said: "We have seen a few good bands and the atmosphere has been very nice."

"We have seen a few sets that have been great like Matt Boulter."

"It's been an opportunity to view things that are going on in a good environment."

Mark Sawh, 41, and Matthew Swah, from



Westcliff, visited the festival on a whim with his family.

He said: "This is brilliant. It's great for all the family there has been a massive age span."

"I heard Jungle music today, really enjoyed it."

"It's been so diverse with everything that has gone on."

Clare Sawh, 35, and her 18 month child Kara, wanted more events like the Village Green.

She said: "It's been fantastic, just like the previous years it has been held it has been great for us all."

"It's so nice to have a place like this so local to come to and enjoy the music."



Alan Gajewski, 29, from Westcliff, had enjoyed seeing local talent pooled together.

He said: "I only really came to see the Lucky Strikes. But we have seen more artists and they have been good acts."



George Crockford, 36, from Westcliff, was divided over the best areas of the festival.

He said: "The whole event has been just amazing, almost overwhelming really."

"I think the best area I went to was the Tenbomb area. They were interacting with the crowds so well."

"They have done it every year and just get better each time."



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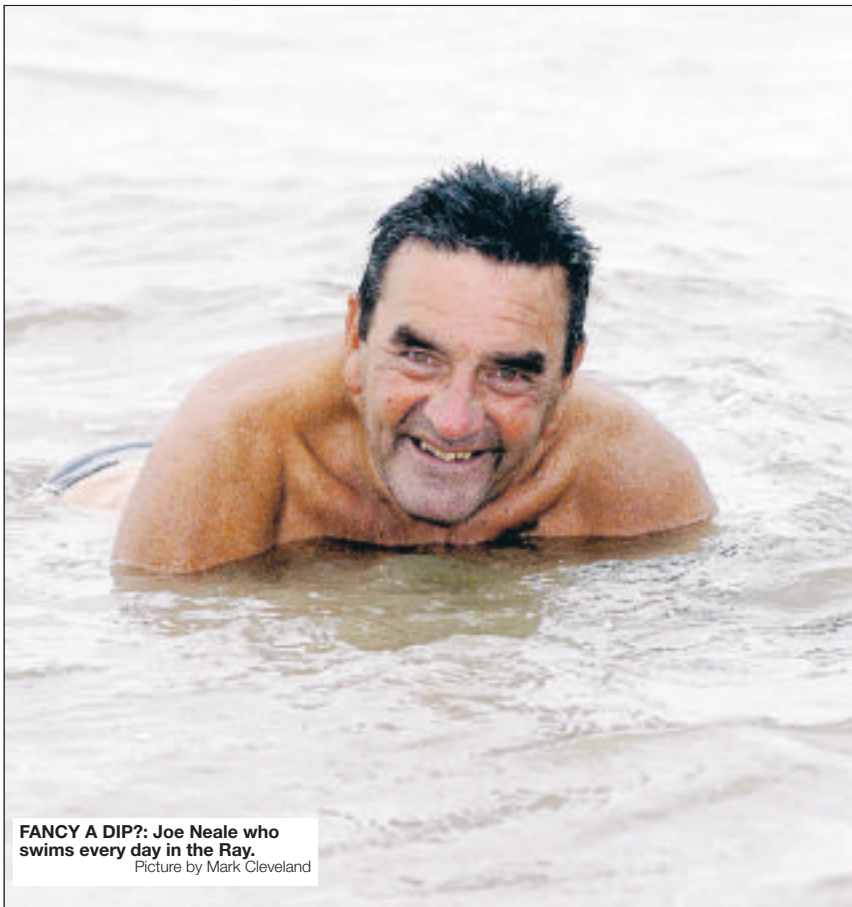
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Joe celebrates his birthday in freestyle



FANCY A DIP?: Joe Neale who swims every day in the Ray.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

JOE Neale will celebrate his 75th birthday in 'freestyle' – swimming a mile off of Chalkwell beach in the Ray Gut.

The former window cleaner takes his daily dip by walking across the famous Thames mud to the creeks, via the stone paths, created by cocklers more than 100 years ago.

"It's the best place in the world when the tide is out," said Joe, who celebrates his birthday today (Wednesday).

"There's nowhere I know as peaceful as this. And it's the second warmest water in the UK too! Southampton is the warmest, but the surroundings are not as beautiful."

Joe has been exploring the Thames creeks since he moved from east London as a teenager 60 years ago. He still meets with a hardcore of perennial wild swimmers, but many of his old friends have passed away.

"Eileen and Les were the bravest," he said. "They would swim all year, even in January. They would tell me that it was time to get out once the water felt warm. That's when hypothermia is setting in!"

Where the cockle paths end, the sticky, black mud turns to hard sand. Although Joe and his friends love to swim, they enjoy other sports too.

"Years ago we would come down after work, and play cricket every day," he explained. "The sand is so hard we used a real cricket ball, bat and stumps."

"We would keep all our cricket gear in a bag and weigh it down with a brick. The tide would come in over the bag, but it would be there the next day."

The Thames mud flats are well known among locals, bait diggers and boat owners. People straying out onto the paths must take care of the fast incoming tide.

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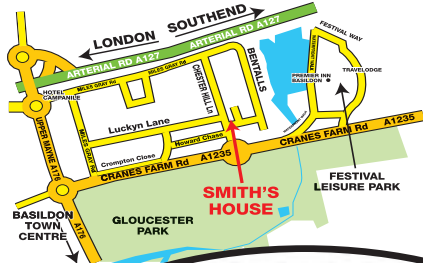
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FILM: Paul Cotgrove, who will be showing The Artist at The Palace next Sunday.

Theatre to present Oscar-winning film

By Paul Giles

A UNIQUE viewing of The Artist will be taking place this Sunday in the Palace Theatre.

The White Bus will be showing the Oscar-winning silent film on Sunday.

It will give people who missed seeing the flashback to silent movies and artists struggles, the chance to see it on the big screen.

Paul Cotgrove, from The White Bus, was looking forward to people experiencing the film in the theatre.

He said: "I'm amazed at how quick the tickets are selling."

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Wednesday	9.00am - 4.00pm	CLOSED
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Friday	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
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1st February – 31st October

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Please note that due to the Olympic Event at Hadleigh Country Park on **Saturday 11th** and **Sunday 12th August 2012** the Leigh Marshes HWRC site will be closed on both of these days. For more information about the opening hours of the HWRCs during this period, please visit www.southend.gov.uk/hwrc or telephone **01702 215006**.

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RIDE ON: Rebecca Chipperfield was the 1,000th person to take part in a free personalised travel planning scheme.

Mum receives new bike in personalised travel scheme

By Paul Giles

A MUM has won a new bike for taking part in a free travel planning scheme.

Rebecca Chipperfield was the 1,000th person to take part in a free personalised travel planning scheme in Milton and St Laurence wards.

Specially trained team members have been knocking on residents' doors to discuss their travel arrangements and offer support and information about alternative options such as cycling, walking or using trains and buses.

The volunteers are from the Turning Tides Team Project, part of Southend Association for Voluntary Services.

Hayley Duff, Turning Tides team leader, who spoke to Rebecca, said the team had been working hard and well received by residents.

She said: "We are encouraged by how many people are open to the idea of sustainable transport and Rebecca is a great example of that."

Southend Councillor for public protection, waste and transport, Tony Cox, said: "It is evident that residents may use their

cars through force of habit, or without knowing enough about other ways to travel locally.

"However, once people have been reminded of, or introduced to, more sustainable ways of undertaking their journeys, they are very receptive to these new suggestions."

Along with the bike, Rebecca, 23, received a tow for her young children to ride in as well.

Rebecca said: "I am glad I gave the time to answer a few simple questions about how I travel. I will really enjoy taking the children out for bike rides."

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New charity shop opens



OPEN FOR BUSINESS:
Leticia Mendoca and
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the new Southend
Hospital charity shop in
London Road, Westcliff.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

By Paul Giles

A NEW charity shop has opened that will be raising money for Southend Hospital's Bosom Pals Appeal On The Road.

The shop in London Road, Westcliff, was opened by veteran fundraiser Joyce Long MBE, who has helped raise more than £1.5million for the hospital in the last 25 years.

Money raised from the shop will go to helping women fight breast cancer through the purchase of digital equipment for the earlier detection of smaller breast cancers.

Lucy Thomas-Clayton, who has been helping at the shop, said: "We've got some lovely items on sale, but because it's been so busy we are always looking out for more donated items."

The shop is particularly looking for bric-a-brac, such as china, pottery, children's toys and tableware.

Items can be dropped off at the premises. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the shop, call Jane O'Connell or Chris Miller on 01702 435555 ext 6135 or e-mail volunteers@southend.nhs.uk



Bag a bargain in popular garden sale

FUNDRAISER Joyce Long is holding one of her famous garden sales to raise money for the Southend Hospital's Bosom Pals collection.

Joyce, 82, has raised more than £2.5million in her 25 years of fundraising.

She began when her husband Percy, who suffered from diabetes, had to be treated by Hamersmith Hospital and has since raised almost £1million for Hamersmith Hospital and more than £1.5million for Southend Hospital.

She will open her garden to the public to raise even more money for Bosom Pals, which helps cancer sufferers.

Her garden, at 22 Park Road in Thundersley, will be open from 9am to 4pm on Saturday.

Items on-sale will include gold, silver and bronze statues, a large telescope and a collection of rail-ways memorabilia.

ITEMS FOR SALE: Charity fundraiser Joyce Long will be holding another of her famous garden sales.

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Sacrilege is a giant blow-up recreation of Stonehenge, created by the Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller.

It is currently touring locations across the country as part of the London 2012 Festival and will arrive at Southend's Priory Park today (Wednesday).

It will be open from 10.30am to 6pm, is free to all members of the public and there are no age limits for those who wish to enjoy the Sacrilege experience.

Tests

MIKE Penning MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport, has instructed the Driving Test Centre has to employ another examiner due to demands for tests.

James Duddridge, MP for Rochford and Southend East, said: "The Minister assured me that when the demand warranted it, the supply of tests would be increased, and true to his word that has happened."

"This is fantastic news for learner drivers here in Southend and surrounding areas."

Teen selected as Torchbearer

By Paul Giles

A TEENAGER from Rayleigh has been announced as one of the Torchbearers when the Olympic torch visits Southend on Friday.

Ben Coombes was nominated to run with the flame by his parents for his hard work in the community through being a member of the Young Essex Assembly, the Essex Youth Strategy Group and Rochford District Youth Council.

The 14-year-old recently won the Rayleigh, Rochford & District Association for Voluntary Services' Young Volunteer of the Year 2012 award for his work on youth groups.

He also raises money for the British Armed Forces and has received the British Legion

Friends of the Forces Junior Award for his efforts.

Ben felt honoured to be a selected as a Torchbearer.

He said: "I am really pleased and looking forward to running with the torch."

"When I got the first e-mail telling me that I had been nominated I didn't think I would ever make it to become a torchbearer."

Essex County Council's cabinet member for the 2012 Games, Stephen Castle, said Ben had given so much to the community.

He said: "I am delighted to hear that Ben has been given the honour of being a Torchbearer for the Olympic Flame."

"I am sure Ben will enjoy the experience and hold the torch with great pride."

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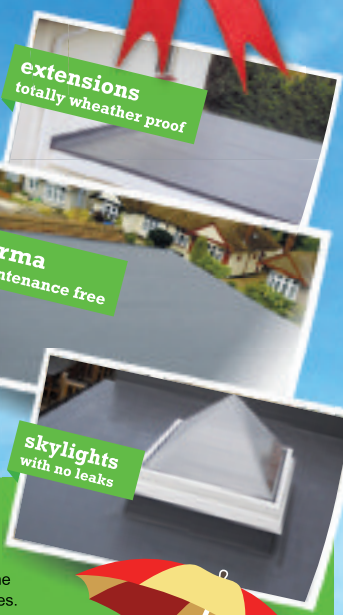
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Brave security guard lands national award



OUTSTANDING: Security guard Lee Toocy with his award outside Royals Shopping Centre.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

By Paul Giles

A GUARD who prevented a savage knife attack in The Royals Shopping Centre has been named as one of the best security men in the UK.

Lee Toocy was awarded the Outstanding Act award from The British Security Industry Association, last Wednesday at The Hilton, in Park Lane, London.

The 27-year old, from Basildon, was only three months into his contract when he had to deal with a balaclava clad knife man walking through the shopping centre.

Without fear for his own safety, Lee quickly took control, diverting the suspect's attention to let his colleagues safely evacuate members of the public and cordon off the area.

Police later arrived and made the man give up his weapon and arrested him.

The Royals Shopping Centre manager, Dawn Jeakings, said: "Lee and the rest of the security team work really hard to ensure people feel completely safe and have a great time while they are here in the Royals."

"To receive an award like this shows everyone that Southend is a fantastic and secure place to visit."

Keith Francis, managing director of VSG, the security company Lee works for, said: "It's a fiercely fought competition, with all our competitors vying for places in the final."

"It's a huge accolade for him."

Lee, who was in the RAF before becoming a security guard, said it had been the highlight of his career.

He said: "I love working in the security industry, particularly the fact that no two days are the same and that I have the opportunity to help others and to keep people and property safe and secure."

Monthly Complementary Health Diary

Reducing the risk of heart attacks and strokes

It surprises many people to learn that one in every four adults in the UK has high blood pressure, which is also known as hypertension and frequently goes undetected and untreated. Often there is no single underlying cause but hereditary factors, drinking too much alcohol, being overweight, eating too much salt and a lack of regular exercise all contribute to the risk of hypertension.

Simply put, blood pressure is a measure of the force exerted by the flow of blood in the arteries (the vessels that carry blood from your heart to your body). The pressure is required to move the blood to where it is needed and the pressure levels naturally fluctuate throughout the day depending on activity. If the pressure becomes consistently too high it can damage the arteries, causing them to thicken and become less elastic. This, in turn, limits the flow of blood and may cause permanently raised blood pressure. This can affect your heart, kidneys and eyes and increase your risk of heart attack and stroke.

140/85 - What does a blood pressure reading show?

A blood pressure reading gives two measurements in millimetres of mercury. The first number is the systolic pressure, which is the force of the blood as the heart contracts and pumps out blood. For an adult this should be no higher than 140. The second number is the diastolic pressure, which is the force while

the heart is relaxing and filling up with blood again. For an adult this should be no higher than 85 so an upper normal reading is 140/85 (people with certain conditions such as diabetes need to aim for lower numbers and their GP will advise them of this). So if you have hypertension, reducing your blood pressure by just 5 points can reduce your risk of having a heart attack by about 20 per cent - that is an amazing difference!

How can people reduce or avoid developing hypertension?

Essentially, they should follow the same advice given for improving general health! This means that maintaining a normal blood pressure will also make people look better, feel better and live longer. How - reduce the salt intake as much as possible, start taking regular exercise and increase activity throughout the day. Get advice on your ideal weight and help on how to reach and maintain it - adopt a sensible diet - drink only moderate amounts of alcohol - learn to manage stressful situations and use relaxation techniques. Find out more and order a free information pack from the Blood Pressure Association (www.bpassoc.org.uk).

Chiropractic adjustments can decrease blood pressure!

If you already have hypertension, then as well as following your GP's advice on lifestyle changes and medication, you may also want to

consider trying an adjustment from a chiropractically trained practitioner like myself. Over the last few years there has been significant research into chiropractic adjustments and the resulting decrease in blood pressure. One study on 80 people (published in the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics, 2001) found that chiropractic adjustments to the upper neck can lower abnormal blood pressure in healthy bodies by 7.8 - 13.8 per cent.

A further study published earlier this year in the Journal of Human Hypertension, showed people receiving adjustments from chiropractically trained practitioners focusing on the neck bone at the very top of the spine had realigned this bone achieving an average 14 mmHg drop in systolic blood pressure and an average 8 mmHg drop in diastolic blood pressure. The study concluded that this 'marked and sustained' treatment was as effective in reducing blood pressure as two drug combination medication.

This latest study has caused so much interest that further larger clinical trials are being planned.

Useful links:-
Blood Pressure Association
www.bpassoc.org.uk
British Hypertension Society
www.bhsoc.org
British Heart Foundation
www.bhf.org.uk

Stuart Lawrence (BSc(Hons) MSc(Chiro) DC)
Spinal Therapist

WELCOME to your regular complementary health diary.

As the clinical director at the Spinal and Natural Healthcare Centre, I come across health problems every day which could be avoided if only people had a little more knowledge and took a few simple steps.

Contact me with your questions and suggestions at info@spinalcarecentre.co.uk

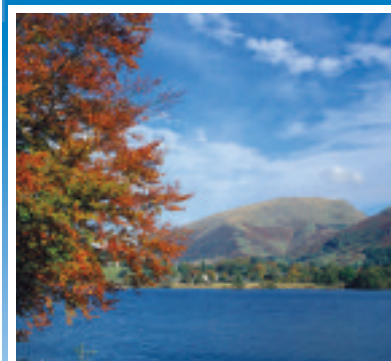
Unfortunately, I cannot enter into individual correspondence, but will try to address queries via this page.

Stuart Lawrence
BSc(Hons) MSc(Chiro) DC
SPINAL THERAPIST

Stuart Lawrence is a specialist registered with the CORP Research Foundation

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■ Opinion and readers' letters

Benefit from befriending service

I WAS recently nominated to be the Council representative for Age Concern and have recently met the dedicated people and staff who offer a wide range of services for older people in the area.

The service is excellent and with approved staff and volunteers plus a list of approved service providers, I can recommend contact with this organisation.

In fact, Age Concern does offer a 'befriending' service in which staff visit lonely elderly residents who may need advice or simply a visitor to have a chat with. The Befriending service uses volunteers who will visit older people in their homes and this is a free service in case people are concerned about cost.

The Charity has spare capacity for this service, so if you have an elderly family member or friend who would appreciate a visit, contact Age Concern on 01702 - 215780/1 - e-mail enquiry@acsos.co.uk

Councillor Brian Ayling

'On yer bike'

DURING the long winter that was the Thatcher Premiership, her trusted lieutenant liked to tell stories of his father using

his initiative when looking for work. Norman Tebbit's dad, we were told, used to get on his bike and go looking for jobs.

The modern equivalent would be catching the train or jumping in the car. That the mode of transport has changed does not alter the story of a man prepared to go searching far and wide in the hunt for employment. Of course Norman's tale was less about the personal industry of his male parent and more a swipe at the idle unemployed. He was attempting to paint a picture that showed the unemployed being the engineers of their own misery.

By extension, getting on yer bike also meant being prepared to move to where the work is. The truly mobile and ambitious would brook any challenge in the pursuit of gainful employment.

David Cameron would thwart a youthful Tebbit Senior. Under 25s, our PM has asserted, should not be in receipt of housing benefit. In our current, miserable, days of high unemployment and high rents, the minimum wage jobs normally available to our youth would not cover the rent on a modest property. Under 25s, it is now to be assumed, must be stay-at-home under 25s.

Staying at home and getting on yer bike are contradictory in many ways; are we grateful to Cameron for killing off, in part at least, the Tebbit solution?

Mr Cameron has a problem. He has to make economies on

public spending if he is to achieve full austerity (funny how his highest ambition is utter misery for many). The welfare bill is huge, and growing. I, too, want a reduced benefits bill.

We differ, the PM and I, in our approach. He is stick to my carrot. Where his solution is to punish those in receipt from the public purse, mine is to solve the problem of quite why so many are so dependent. He would heap ever more onto the dole; I would look for public investment to create jobs. He makes education ever more unaffordable, while I would cut tuition fees and see EMA restored. The route out is no route at all under the Tories.

Of course, a huge chunk of the welfare bill is made up of pensions - watch out for the Carousel.

**Julian Ware-Lane,
Leigh**

Room for improvement at airport

WE returned from Barcelona last week after flying out from Southend Airport. The experience was very good but there is still room for improvement.

I believe the station and the terminal are quite attractive buildings, not just the usual boxes you sometimes get these days. It would have been nice if the canopy from the station

actually reached the terminal but maybe this will happen when the terminal is extended.

I notice the road crossing from the station is not a proper zebra crossing but I can't see why. Our daughter dropped us off at the terminal in the pouring rain but the drop off lay-by is not covered and is about 100 metres from the terminal.

Check-in on the ground floor was no problem but then you have to go upstairs to passport control and security and then back down to departures. I can only assume this is because of the lack of space in the terminal at the moment.

As there are no air-bridges, the next thing was getting wet walking to the plane. Maybe this will change with the terminal extension?

On return, arrival at Southend was very quick and uneventful apart from a queue for just two toilet cubicles in the arrival hall.

Overall I would say the experience was more pleasant than the big airports and at the moment I would rate it eight out of 10.

**Alan James,
Hockley**

Being a republican is respectable

CHAS Cheesman has it that my 'pill-induced' views on the Monarchy is merely republican boasting that insults the Queen, him, his friends and the rest arrayed around this curious anachronism of breeding a head-of-state (historically known of as 'rule by the bedroom') in a modern 21st Century democracy. (YA June 27)

Wrong, republicanism is a perfectly respectable, considered position to hold nowadays ... my being childishly urged to leave the country tout de suite because of it by Mr Cheesman notwithstanding.

And further judging from Chas' oddly conceived, peculiarly conjectured hot little missive I can now claim that of the two of us, I - at least - have not insulted his intelligence.

And thereby hangs a tale, or two, to pin on this ass.

Doubtless we'll hear more.

**John Haran,
Leigh**

They deserve what they get

I SUSPECT 80 per cent of people aren't in favour of the Monarchy - they're in favour, currently, of the Monarch, this one, the Queen.

Yet we are invited to admire her on the fictitious grounds that she is some sort of 'super-

woman' who earned her position by merit rather than by being born into it. We're told we must admire her for her punctuality. Congratulations, she can tell the time, along with many five-year-olds. Not that she has to, as she has her army of people who tell the time for her, and were she to be late, who would leave, or complain?

"She can stand for hours on end!" So can factory workers - most of their lives.

"She's always smiling," they say - No she's not! Most of the time, she's got a look like thunder on her face.

Finally, "She never puts a foot wrong." Again she has her flunkies, like angels, to keep her feet safe.

But she put both feet in it over Diana - when her popularity almost zeroed, and she's doing it again with Charles, repeating Queen Victoria's mistake with her own elderly son.

The only benefit of a king or queen is that we are spared the hypocrisy of a president, a civil king.

But there's no limit to the stupidities of England and the English.

They deserve what they get.

**Paul Divine,
Westcliff**

Council has got it right

SAXON King, why add traffic to an already overloaded road which we have just spent millions to ease?

Yes, in my opinion, the council is clearly right to place the museum to a seafront position.

Not only will it clear up an unsightly mess but also provide another visitor attraction which the museum clearly needs to obtain the necessary revenue, and let's face it, how many times would we visit a museum?

The old Echo site is crying out to be redeveloped as an estate of new housing, it has long been the council's aim to remove small businesses out to the less crowded parts of the town.

Good on you council, you're absolutely bang on.

**Derek Jones,
Southend**

I agree, the English must come first

I READ the letter in the Yellow Advertiser on June 28 "English people must come first." I have to agree with this person on all the points that they made.

If all the immigrants did not get all the hand outs and housing, perhaps they would not be so eager to come to England. They don't get all this help in their own countries

and I am sure if we went there, we would get nothing and have to fend for ourselves.

I believe a days work for a days pay, as my family have done all their lives.

You never see any of these people in our armed forces fighting for our country, but our boys can go and get maimed or killed and forgotten.

Name and address supplied

Letter is 'racist'

I STRONGLY object to the racist letter, published on June 28.

This sad neanderthal uses the common arguments which are uninformed, sweeping, negative, stereotypes.

Most immigrants do the dirty, low paid jobs many of this country will not do.

The author of this letter should hang their head in shame.

**Aubrey Stein,
Address supplied**

Ben is an inspiration

EVERYONE in the nation who cares knows of Ben Parkinson, the paratrooper who, in Afghanistan, lost both legs, sustained a broken spine, and brain damage.

But Ben was determined to walk 300 metres carrying an Olympic torch. After months of training, some twisted moron changed his flat route to one with slopes which he would not have been able to manage. But his great mum took action and had the original route restored.

Watching Ben's heroic struggle was inspiring. The physical prowess of all the Olympic athletes are nothing compared to Ben's achievement.

In the pre-war East End, it wasn't the done thing for boys to cry, but now, so many years past boyhood, watching Ben on TV made my eyes smart.

**D Atkins,
Address supplied**

Red tape 'big bang' disaster

"GET rid of the red tape" is a frequent plea, but how much of it has been imposed over generations as a safeguard because of bitter experience of fraud or other misdemeanours?

What a disaster the so-called 'big bang' that removed so much red tape from the City of London has been. Those making the most noise to remove red tape are often those most likely to benefit from looser protection for the public.

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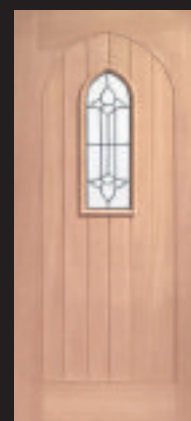
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SOLID: Councillor Lionel Lee, former mayor Joan Holmes and Councillor Russell Quirk join the firefighters at Brentwood.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

Fire crews set to strike again

By Pat Jones

FIRE fighters are set to strike again – for an hour on Saturday morning – hot on the heels of their walk-out last Thursday in their continuing dispute with Essex Fire Authority.

Crews will stop work from 4am to 5am, another in a series of strikes scheduled for every month until October, in the union's battle over cuts and imposed work changes.

Meanwhile representatives from both sides were due to go to ACAS today for 'talks about talks'.

Regional FBU officer Derek Godfrey-Shaw said: "Thursday's meeting at ACAS is very much sorting out a possible beginning for discussions between union and employer."

"The meeting will be talks about talks to try to set a way ahead."

"The eight-hour dispute last Thursday was solid – and we

will continue to strike every month until October unless there is a resolution," he added.

Last week's strike was the first called by the FBU in more than three years.

The dispute centres on frontline cuts and changes forced through by fire chiefs.

The union claims current plans for cuts would see the loss of one in five frontline crews in Essex since 2008.

Mr Godfrey-Shaw said: "The authority claims there have been no redundancies – but posts have not been filled. Numbers have been lost through natural wastage."

"Changes have been made to crewing specialised equipment which we believe are not in the public's best interests."

FBU chairman Alan Chinn-Shaw added: "We have seen 160 frontline posts axed since 2008 and the current set of cuts would bring that loss to one in five frontline crews. It

is already taking longer for appliances to get to home fires and cuts can only make that worse."

Last month Fire Authority chairman Anthony Hedley said: "The Fire Authority has invested heavily in front line services and will continue to do so."

"We have assured the public and our staff that there will be no fire station closures, no enforced firefighter redundancies and continued investment to modernise the Service."

"The Chief Fire Officer and his management team have shown great patience and leadership in dealing with intransigent and at times hostile union representatives who have rejected all offers of mediation. Strikes will benefit no one and I hope that our fire fighters will work with the management and the Fire Authority to resolve this dispute while maintaining the service to our communities."

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Will roadworks scheme meet Olympic deadline?

By Charles Thomson

ROADWORKS at Sadlers Farm may not be completed in time for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Essex County Council apologised for the delay, which is an embarrassment as Essex is an Olympic host county.

Councillor Derrick Louis, cabinet member for highways and transportation, said: "We are now in discussion with the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA)."

"While my priority is ensuring that this work is completed as soon as possible, we also need to avoid causing any traffic disruption around the 2012 Games. I will provide an update on this as soon as a decision is taken. In the meantime completion work will continue."

Mr Louis insisted all 'individual elements' of the roads

scheme were open, and that most traffic was flowing freely.

He said he was 'very disappointed' that work has not been completed, and added: "I would like to sincerely apologise to residents for this further delay. I assure you I that am doing everything in my power to get this scheme completed as soon as possible."

The project has been beset by problems and delays. Essex County Council issued another apology in May, but promised to see the works completed by June 27. The council admitted last Tuesday that that deadline would not be met.

Road users and locals remain puzzled by the delays as contractors are not regularly seen working on the site at weekends and into late evening.

Essex County Councillor

Ray Howard, from Canvey Island, was recently appointed deputy cabinet member for Highways. He said there were a combination of reasons for the delay, including 'bad weather'.

The ODA refused to publicly condemn the delay, but did confirm the improvement scheme was behind schedule, and should have been completed in the spring.

A spokesman said: "We are in discussions with the local authority who have assured us that they will be finished before [Olympic] competition begins at the Hadleigh Farm venue."

Councillor Tracey Chapman, former head of highways at Essex County Council, recently stepped down from the role. She denied her decision was linked to problems with the Sadlers Farm project.



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LIZ WADE spends a day looking at one of Essex's finest ancient meadow systems

A LOCAL nature reserve in Billericay is quite literally a hidden treasure, as I actually had trouble finding it.

While Mill Meadows is just a short walk from Billericay town centre, a row of tall hedges and well-camouflaged entrance signs nearly meant a fruitless return home for me.

After eventually spotting Mill Meadows' information board, beside an old scout hut, I was glad I hadn't given up.

Grazing animals have inhabited the land over the centuries and the area has become one of the finest ancient meadow systems in Essex. This has made it an ideal habitat for a wide range of fungi, insects, invertebrates and wild flowers, many of which are rare.

The 90 acre site is such an important area that almost 17 acres of it has been declared as a

Site of Special Scientific Interest, for its unimproved neutral grass-land

Two farms, Hurlocks and Greens, could still be found on the site by the 20th Century, and during the Second World War some fields there were converted temporarily to arable use.

Greens Farm remained until 1980 and Basildon Council went on to acquire the land as part of a planning agreement over the development of the Mill Grange housing estate in 1991.

It was declared as a Local Nature Reserve in 1994 and the council has been working ever since with Natural England DEFRA to maintain and enhance the rural character and natural history of the meadows.

Alongside their efforts a number of local residents, who had expressed an interest in helping the council with management tasks, set up the Mill Meadows Society in 1998.

Over the years the meadows have flourished and even now cattle still sometimes graze on the reserve during the spring and summer months, as it encourages the growth of flora. The area, which has everything from ancient hedgerows to developing woodland, offers a diverse habitat to both flora and fauna – including common spotted orchids in early summer, and ragged robin and sneezewort, both of which are scarce in Essex – as well as an abundance of wildlife.

Alongside foxes, badgers,



GREEN: Mill Meadows.

dormice, harvest mice, moles, the area is also home to stoats and even sometimes muntjac deer. A range of different birds have also been seen at the site including great-spotted and green woodpeckers, bullfinch, goldfinch and sparrowhawks, and even tawny owls, nightingales, cuckoos and turtle doves.

As well as common lizards, slow worm and grass snakes, the area also attracts a particularly significant number of scarce and locally notable species including araneid spiders, coleopterid beetles, and at least 24 species of butterfly including orange tip, holly blue, small copper, small heath, Essex skipper and painted lady.

The site can be accessed via informal and unsurfaced tracks that are suitable for walking, but are not accessible to the disabled due to the hilly terrain. It does have a marked trail, which is the main pathway through the reserve, along which there are benches where you can take a seat and admire the surroundings. The views, across the valley to nearby Norse Wood or east over the district and beyond are spectacular.

Working parties organised by society members continue to maintain the meadows, and take place on the second Saturday of each month, and non-members are welcome. They meet at

10.30am and help with a range of jobs including helping clear undergrowth and installing nest boxes.

They are also hosting a Butterfly Walk at 10.30am on Sautrday, July 14 (weather permitting), which will set off from the Scout Hall in Greens Farm Lane.

While many volunteers give up their time to help secure an area that has virtually unchanged for centuries, it is also comforting to know that, as well as being protected from development by green belt planning legislations, the area is also protected by a covenant lasting until 2070, that restricts use to outdoor recreation and social activities.

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■ **DIRECTIONS:** You can find Mill Meadows in Green Farm Lane, Billericay. The nearest train station is Billericay, which is around half a mile away, and there are a number of buses, including the 100, 101, 140, NB, 222, 751, which stop in nearby Billericay High Street. As well as access to the site from Greens Farm Lane, there are also entrance gates in Chapel Street, Southend Road and Langmore Way.

■ **OPENING TIMES:** The reserve is open every day throughout the year. Walkers are welcome but riding or cycling is not permitted. Dogs are allowed but must be kept under control due to cattle. There is no car park for visitors but there is off street park in the town centre.

■ **ENTRANCE:** Free.

■ **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Call Countryside Services on 01277 624553 or 01268 550088 or visit www.basildon.gov.uk or www.millmeadows.org.uk

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Feeling jammy in Jamaica

By Rachel Williams

BOBbing up and down on the stern of an anchored luxury catamaran, the sun beating down, I glance slowly around the wide blue bay and golden sandy beach.

Celebrity houses dot the horizon and, nearby, the famous Dunn's River Falls rush through lush, green vegetation into the crystal-clear sea.

The waterfalls are one of Jamaica's main tourist attractions, and one of just a handful in the world which flow straight into the ocean. They're a beautiful sight, enticing thousands of visitors, who climb the falls in long lines, holding hands.

I've not even been in Ocho Rios, on the north coast of

Jamaica, for two days and already it seems I'm light years away from the bustle of busy London - not the nine-and-a-half hours it actually took.

I'm staying at the Beaches Boscobel

Resort and Golf Club. The Beaches chain is the family-friendly arm of the famous adults-only Sandals hotels. Beaches offers the same beach-front luxury, but children are welcome - and very well catered for, with

clubs for tots and teens and a long list of activities to choose from.

Dunn's River Falls is about a 20-minute drive from the hotel, but you can, of course, reach the area by boat, like me.

I may not be an A-list, but since arriving, the resort's friendly staff have gone out of their way to make me feel like a star.

In fact, the celeb-style pampering actually began before I'd even left Gatwick. Well, I feel like someone's finally let me in on one of their secrets - the Dermologica Spa at the airport!

The spa's hidden at the back of the World Duty Free store, and I decided to treat myself to a pre-flight facial. The next morning I head to Sandals Golf and Country Club nearby.

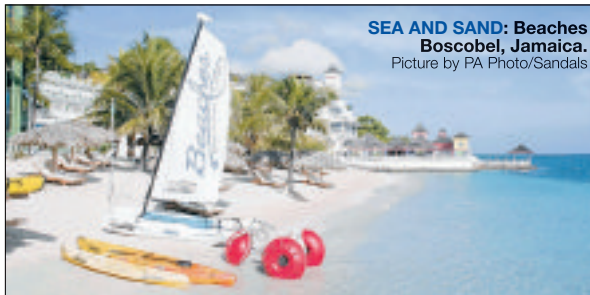
Nestled in the

hills, the picturesque 18-hole course is dotted with mango,

Chinese cherry, orange and grapefruit trees and offers free clinics for kids looking to improve their

swing.

And it's not just better golf skills they could go home with - the resort also has its very own Scratch DJ Academy. Big kids can join in too, of course (though I'm embarrassed to say the



SEA AND SAND: Beaches Boscobel, Jamaica.
Picture by PA Photo/Sandals

youngsters really stood me up).

From 10pm, it's strictly adults only. For those of you unsure about all-inclusive resorts, there's nothing quite like ordering champagne cocktails and not handing over any money to make you feel like a pampered VIP.

The next morning, feeling a little delicate, I head to the resort spa, Red Lane. Well, if it's good enough for the celebs...

Stepping into the steam room, my hangover soon starts to ease, and the full-body massage that follows really does the trick.

Afterwards, I feel completely rejuvenated and ready for the part of Jamaica I was most looking forward to - bobsled time!

Inspired by the famous Jamaica Olympic team, the bobsled ride at Mystic Mountain, part of the Rainforest Adventures park, is another huge tourist draw.

There's a restaurant at the top of the mountain, and a number of activities on offer. Even getting up

there is fun - a chairlift that swiftly sweeps you up 700ft.

After a quick dip in the infinity pool at the peak, I rocketed around the mountain in the bobsled, which zooms down a 1,000-metre track, powered entirely by gravity.

The ride finishes back at the top, and getting down again is another adventure - this time by whizzing down six 100-metre zip lines.

To finish off the trip, back at the resort I don my best dress for Caribbean cuisine at Eleanor's, the fine-dining restaurant.

Following a feast of jerk chicken wings, escovitched red snapper and lamb braised in coconut curry broth, I move on to the rum bar on the terrace afterwards, where a local steel drum band are playing Bob Marley tunes.

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There is also a Chef's Special board to view and a Children's Menu offering a variety of dishes for just £3.95, from Monday to Saturday.

If you have room for more then its desserts are to die for! The restaurant has built up a reputation for its mega-choice of excellent, monster-size delicious ice creams plus of course other desserts such as pancakes, waffles, choco-

late fudge gateau etc. This menu has now been extended even further with new exciting ice creams on offer such as the tempting Hula Hula, Blackcurrant Bonanza, Strawbsational! and Strawberry Madness and for those who want something a little more exotic, 'A Taste of Passion', a delicious dish of ice cream, pineapple, peaches and mandarin oranges topped with passion fruit liqueur.

Spaghetti Junction offers a range of deals from Monday to Friday evenings. Diners can enjoy the new Pizza and Pasta Menu, now offering a wider choice of starters and pasta or pizza, for £8.95; the Special Duo Menu with main course and dessert for £8.95; and a three-course set menu for the fantastic price of £14.95. On Saturday evenings there is also a special three-course menu for £21.50.

The restaurant has also recently introduced a Gluten Free Starter & Main Course Menu and a Gluten Free Dessert Menu. Both of these menus are available from



Monday to Saturday and offer a wide choice of deliciously mouth-watering dishes.* Spaghetti Junction is the ideal setting for parties of up to 30 people and is also available for private functions.

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By Damon Smith

The good old days when E.T. simply wanted to phone home are long gone. Now, if aliens descend on Earth, they don't want to sit contentedly in the basket of a child's bicycle and soar serenely across a perfect moonlit sky. Otherworldly visitors want to annihilate and conquer, preferably via a series of expensive, special effects-laden set pieces that reduce iconic landmarks to steaming piles of twisted metal. A 24-hour storage facility in south London is the epicentre of the destruction in Johannes Roberts' gore-splattered sci-fi horror.

The building's labyrinthine corridors and snaking air ducts provide a suitably claustrophobic setting for the battle royale between a hideous extra-terrestrial predator and a motley crew of ill-equipped human prey. Characters are slain in grisly close-up at regular intervals to satisfy gore hounds, while the script plays the usual mind games to bring an unlikely saviour to the fore at the crucial moment with a stirring declaration: "I got nothing to lose so I'm going to go and kill that thing!"

It's hardly poetry but the heroic spirit is unmistakable. The film opens with a suspected airplane crash in the capital, which causes widespread panic and destruction. Metal crates are strewn among the debris, with nothing inside apart from a gooey residue slathered over the interior. Nearby, wise-cracking Charlie (Noel Clarke) and his best friend Mark (Colin O'Donoghue) arrive at a storage facility to collect some of Charlie's belongings. A malfunctioning security system traps the young men inside the building with employee Jake (Alex Price) and electrician Bob (Geoff Bell), who attempt to reboot the mainframe and open the metal shutters.

Meanwhile, Charlie and Mark head for a locker where they run into Charlie's embittered ex-girlfriend Shelley (Antonia Campbell-Hughes), her gal pal Nikki (Laura Haddock) and snarky pal Chris (Jamie Thomas King). The former lovers trade barbs and then a growl reverberates through the building. "Maybe it's the air settling in the pipes... or something?" wonders Charlie. Based on an original screenplay by leading man Clarke, Storage 24 is solid, entertaining but unremarkable genre fare, littered with undernourished characters and predictable twists. The set-up is familiar, right down to the opening scenes of a nameless dog walker (Amy Pemberton), who follows her pet into a gloomy warehouse where something nasty lurks in the shadows.

ALIENS EXIST?: Noel Clarke as Charlie.
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FILM FACTS

Storage 24 (15, 87 mins)
Sci-Fi / Horror / Thriller / Action / Comedy / Romance.
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By Lisa Haynes

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According to a recent survey for Mootide swimwear, 53 per cent of women start thinking about how they'll look in their costumes more than two weeks before their holiday, with 15 per cent worrying more than a month beforehand.

But don't fret if finding the right swimsuit is turning into a major event - let your figure lead the way to a winning bikini or one-piece.

Whatever your shape, there's a costume out there that will disguise your hot spots and flaunt your best bits to the max.

Forget all those apples and pears references and find your ideal swimsuit with our refreshing guide to body shapes:

■ The rocket lolly

If your figure is 'bottom heavy', your swimsuit choices should balance out your shape.

Your body is all about the hips, thighs and bottom, so try mixing a print or embellished top with solid colour bottoms, which has the effect of slimming down your hips.

Want supermodel pins on the beach? Seek out a high cut around the thighs to emphasise your leg length.

Celebrity examples: Beyonce Knowles, Jennifer Lopez, Coleen Rooney

■ Cornetto cone

An 'inverted triangle' shape. If you have a wide upper body, avoid fussy detailing on your top half.

Your legs may be one of your best fea-

tures, so try a bikini bottom with adjustable long tie sides that will make them look even more enviable - and won't squeeze into your body if you carry weight around the middle.

If you're top-heavy due to a bigger bust, look for a simple, well-structured bikini top and steer clear of deep-plunging V-necklines.

Celebrity examples: Catherine Zeta-Jones, Elizabeth Hurley, Jessica Simpson

■ Coca-Cola bottle

If your body fits the bill as a classic hour-glass shape, it's all about emphasising your voluptuous silhouette.

The swimwear world is your oyster but avoid anything too skimpy, you're looking to emphasise - and contain - your curves.

Look to old school Hollywood glamour with retro cuts to flatter your figure. A one piece with a low V-front will highlight your womanly shape.

Celebrity examples: Kelly Brook, Scarlett Johansson, Kate Winslet

■ Mini milk

Those petite in frame and stature should avoid busy prints that swamp your diminutive figure like the plague.

A V-neck swimsuit or halterneck will give your torso a few valuable inches and make your neck appear longer too.

Make your torso look lean and lengthened by choosing low-cut bikini bottoms. Belted styles will help carve out a silhouetted, defined figure to boot.

Celebrity examples: Reese Witherspoon, Eva Longoria, Kylie Minogue

■ Lollipop stick

Long and lean with a tomboyish shape,



INTO THE BLUE: Sophia retro swimsuit.
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your aim may be to create curves through your swimming costume.

Fashion yourself the illusion of a bigger bust with pleats, ruffles and gathering to add volume.

Use the same principles if you want to magic yourself a bigger bottom. Look for briefs with a wide frill around the waistline - the cut should kink out and create an hour-glass silhouette in an instant.

Celebrity examples: Cameron Diaz, Gwyneth Paltrow, Katie Holmes.

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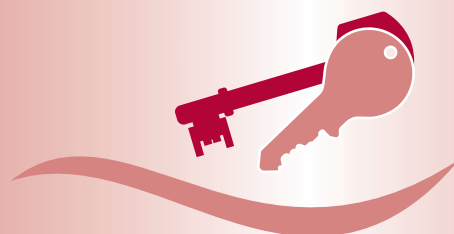
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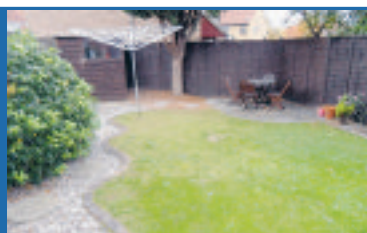
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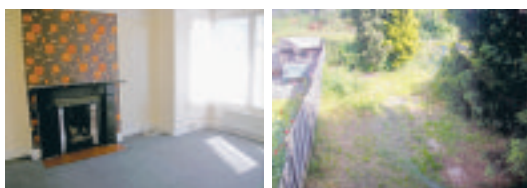


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- ➔ Views towards Estuary

SOUTHCHURCH £179,950



Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this spacious semi detached family house requiring general refurbishment. The property offers three separate reception rooms, along with four double bedrooms and benefits from off street parking.

SOUTHEND ON SEA £159,950



Terraced house offering substantial ground floor living accommodation along with four bedrooms (three double bedrooms and one small single) gas central heating. The property requires full refurbishment and offers early vacant possession.

SHOEBURYNESSE £170,000



Spacious semi detached bungalow being situated on the ever popular Thorpedene Estate and offering no onward chain. The property benefits from a lounge with two double bedrooms and a good size West backing rear garden. The property also benefits from off street parking and includes its own driveway with access to garage. There is general refurbishment required which has been reflected in the asking price.

Southend On Sea £182,000



We are favoured with instructions as sole agents to offer for sale this three bedroom end of terrace family house being situated within walking distance of Prittlewell Station and offering no onward chain. There is double glazing and gas central heating via radiators, a good size South backing rear garden and off street parking.

SOUTHEND ON SEA £104,950



Modern third floor purpose built two bedroom apartment being situated within a central Southchurch location within close proximity to Southend East Station. The property is well maintained with modern fixtures and fittings throughout and there allocated off street parking.

SOUTHEND ON SEA £630 pcm



Spacious first floor flat situated in a central location and popular location of Southchurch, large lounge incorporating fitted kitchen area, two double bedrooms, utility room, bathroom/wc, full gas central heating and double glazing. Possible off street parking

SOUTHEND ON SEA £62 pcm



Various lock up garages to let within the Southend Borough. Call for further details.

WESTCLIFF ON SEA £675 pcm



Spacious first floor apartment being situated in a central location of Westcliff within close proximity to Westcliff station and seafront. The property includes a large lounge/diner with views towards the Estuary and there are three good size bedrooms. The kitchen includes a built in oven and hob and there is a white bathroom suite with shower facilities. The property has been newly decorated and will have new flooring throughout. There is also communal parking facilities.

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***REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE*
BENFLEET £193,950**

2 double bedroom semi-detached property within a quiet residential road in Benfleet. The property is close to local Station, shops, parks and schools for all ages. 2 Reception rooms, large kitchen, family bathroom, driveway for 4+ cars, double length garage and garden. NO ONWARD CHAIN!



HADLEIGH £319,000

IMPRESSIVE PROPERTY IN AN EXCELLENT LOCATION - extended four bedroom family home set within a quiet and sought after residential area in Hadleigh. The property is just a short distance from woods, parks, schools and shops benefiting from having a large living area, downstairs cloakroom, shower room, bathroom, off street parking, garage and large rear garden. Viewing advised!



HADLEIGH £284,950

2/3 bedroom chalet in a popular area of Hadleigh. A unique property offering comfortable living just a stones throw from Hadleigh Castle and a short walk to the town centre. The property boasts good size bedrooms, off street parking and a large workshop to the rear. Viewing Advised.



CANVEY ISLAND £240,000

We are delighted to offer this 3/4 bedroom detached property within one of the most sought after areas of Canvey Island. The property benefits from lounge/diner, large kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, family bathroom, garage, off street parking and a large rear garden. VIEW TODAY



LEIGH ON SEA £94,995

PERFECT FOR A FIRST TIME BUYER OR INVESTOR. 1 Bedroom flat within a self contained block in the Leigh On Sea area. The flat offers a good size double bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and a lounge. The property also benefits from allocated parking and views over woodland. An ideal property for a first time buyer. Call today to arrange a viewing.



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NEW - SANDWICH BAR, TEA SHOP/COFFEE HOUSE - LEIGH-ON-SEA. Good secondary trading location within close proximity to the popular Broadway shopping area. Established under the current ownership for 7 years originally as a bakers/sandwich bar and converted in 2011 to provide a tea room/coffee house seating area. Undeveloped takings on short hours due to health reasons averaging £700 per week (was going £1,000+). Secure lease, rent only £6,000 per annum. A good opportunity at this price. **Price £15,500 Leasehold. Ref. C4486E**

FOR SALE



LICENSED AMERICAN THEMED DINER (40) - SOUTH EAST ESSEX TOWN - situated in a prime location located in front of a P&D car park to the front and the rear. Superbly fitted as an American styled diner with all the traditional colours and fittings such as juke box etc. Comfortably accommodates 40 covers. Gross sales average £10,000 per week. Secure lease at £21,000 pax (rent just been reviewed). Genuinely being sold due to other business interests. Viewing strongly recommended. **Price £99,950 Leasehold. Ref. C4439E**

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LOCK-UP SHOP - APPROX. 1,095 SQ. FT. - THE RENOWN, SHOEBOURNE. Situated in an established parade with a fish and chip shop, convenience store and Indian takeaway to name a few, large car park to the side and virtually opposite a school. Would suit many retail trades. New underlease available, commencing rental £7,500 pax. Rent free period available. **Ref. V4446E**

FOR SALE



NEW - SEAFRONT CAFE/TAKEAWAY & FISH & CHIPS - SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA. Specialising in fish and chips but also offering a traditional seafront menu. Licenced to sell alcohol. Forecourt seating for 16 covers plus 46 covers inside. Prime trading position opposite the Pier & Adventure Island theme park. Run by the current owner for 10 years. Takings circa £185,000 pa based on 8 months trading (obvious scope to trade all year). Council lease with 9 years left, rent £14,000 pax. Must be viewed. Retirement sale. **Price £195,000 Leasehold. Ref. C4483E**

FOR SALE



NEW PRICE - TEA ROOM/GARDENS, HOMEWARE, GIFTS ETC. - NEAR CHELMSFORD. A popular mixed retail business trading in gifts, homeware, antiques, Shabby Chic furniture, children's toys, games, ladies clothing all complimented by a splendid tea room with attractive gardens. The business was est by the current owners in 07 and continues to develop with lots of further potential. T/o average £2,500 pw working to gross profit margins in the region of 50%. Renewable lease, rent £10,400 pax. A rare and wonderful opportunity not to be missed. **Price £49,995 Leasehold. Ref. C4485E**

FOR SALE

NEW - FANCY DRESS SHOP - NEAR ROMFORD. A popular business established for approx. 12 years. Fully fitted retail premises included subject to a renewable lease, rent only £7,600 pax. Turnover circa £100,000 pa producing net profits of £35,000. 80% retail sales, 20% online sales. For sale including 1000 hire costumes and 600 new packet costumes plus wigs, hats, masks, accessories etc. Scope to expand online sales etc. **Price £49,950 Leasehold. Ref. M4480E**

FOR SALE

POST OFFICE & CONVENIENCE STORE/OFF LICENCE + 1 BED FLAT - BENFLEET. Prime trading position. Run by the current owner since 2005 but now reluctantly being sold due to ill health. PO salary £65,000-£70,000 pa. Shop takings approx. £2,000-£2,500 p/w @ 25-30% gp but offering massive scope in younger and more enthusiastic hands to increase trading hours. New lease at £16,700 pax. Great opportunity at this price. **Price £99,500 Leasehold. Ref. S4410E**

FOR SALE

NEW PRICE - FISH & CHIP TAKEAWAY WITH SMALL SEATING AREA - DENGIE PENINSULAR. An established takeaway that has been run as a fish and chip shop since June 2009. Good all year round trade with takings of £2,000 per week rising to £3,500 during the summer months due to the riverside location. New lease available, rent £11,000 per annum. Ideally suit local working owners. Scope to increase trade with introduction of kebab, pizza & deliveries. Genuine reason for sale. **Price £24,950 Leasehold. Ref. C4451E**

FOR SALE

NEW PRICE - UNISEX HAIR SALON + 3 BED MAISONETTE - NEAR STANFORD-LE-HOPE. The business has been est for over 50 years and run by the current owner for over 35 years. Good trading position with on street parking to the front and car park to the rear. Takings over £3,000 p/w with accounts available to support showing good profits! Secure lease rent only £13,200 pax. For sale due to our clients semi-retirement and representing a wonderful opportunity for a working owner. **Price £44,950 Leasehold. Ref. M4233E**

TO LET



NEW - RETAIL SHOP APPROX 740 SQ FT - HIGH STREET, RAYLEIGH - Situated at the top end of the high near The Paul Pry Public House, The Roebuck (Weatherspoons), Iceland plus many other well known names. Benefits from a large 22 ft frontage. Would suit many retail uses. Lease expires in November 2017 at a current rental of £7,500 pax. Viewing recommended. **Ref. V4479E**

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HADLEIGH

Guide Price £550,000 - £600,000



Stunning Four Bedroom Detached Family Home \ Lounge 22'9 x 11'11 \ Dining Room 14'7 x 10'10 \ Kitchen 14'7 x 10'6 \ Cloakroom \ Master Bedroom 14'8 x 10'7 With En-suite \ Bedroom Two 11'6 x 10'10 \ Bedroom Three 11'9 x 11'11 \ Bedroom Four 12'0 x 10'9 \ Bathroom \ Utility Room 10'11 x 6'1 \ Detached Double Garage 17 x 16'11 With Remote Control Doors \ Extremely Sought After Location \ Large Front Garden With Off Street Parking For Numerous Vehicles \ Stunning South Facing Garden \ Easy Access Of All Local Amenities \ Short Walk Of Pears Lane Woods And John Burrows Playing Fields \ Easy Access Of Town Centre \ Short Drive To Rayleigh & Benfleet Station \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH

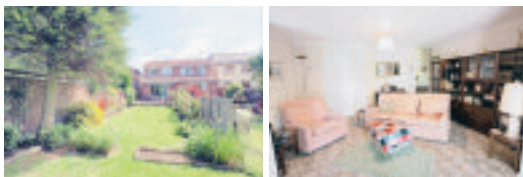
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Five Bedroom Detached Chalet Style Property / Extremely Sought After Location \ Lounge 20'4 x 12'4 \ Kitchen 12'4 x 9'9 \ Conservatory 16'9 x 17'4 11'9 \ Ground Floor Bedroom One 15'2 x 12'9 \ Ground Floor Bedroom Five 9'6 x 8'9 \ Playroom 10'6 x 9'6 \ Bedroom Two 12'4 x 9'8 \ Bedroom Three 12'4 x 9'6 \ Bedroom Four 11'1 x 9'4 \ Shower Room \ Well Maintained Throughout \ Popular & Sought After Cul-De-Sac Location \ Easy Access Of Town Centre, Local Schools & Shopping Facilities \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

BENFLEET

£220,000



Three Bedroom Semi Detached House \ Lounge/Diner 24'3 x 15'4 \ Kitchen 11'0 x 6'11 \ Bedroom One 13'6 x 8'11 \ Bedroom One 13'6 x 8'11 \ Bedroom Two 11'0 x 9'5 \ Bedroom Three 10'5 x 6'1 \ Bathroom & WC \ 70ft Rear Garden \ Garage & Off Street Parking \ Close To Station \ Gas Central Heating \ Good School Catchments \ Call 01702 555888

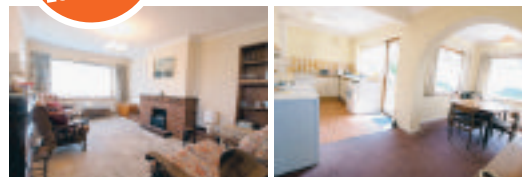
BENFLEET Offers In Excess Of £280,000



Four Bedroom Semi-Detached House \ Lounge 16'11 x 13'5 \ Dining Room 15'10 to built in units x 8'1 \ Kitchen 21'0 x 8'2 \ Conservatory 22'11 x 9'9 \ Ground Floor Bathroom \ Ground Floor Bedroom Four 10'5 x 8'10 \ Study Area 9'0 x 6'3 \ Master Bedroom 13'5 x 11'10 to built in wardrobes \ Bedroom Two 10'0 x 9'7 \ Bedroom Three 10'5 x 9'0 \ First Floor Bathroom/Shower Room \ King John School Catchment \ Large Garden \ Popular Location \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

DAWS HEATH

£270,000



Three Bedroom Detached House \ Lounge 16'11 x 11'04 \ Kitchen 19'10 x 7'03 \ Dining Room 9'0 x 8'2 \ Ground Floor Bathroom \ Bedroom One 12'01 x 10'08 \ Bedroom Two 12'01 x 10'07 \ Bedroom Three 11'10 x 9'01 x 5'11 \ Shower Room \ An L Shaped Garden In Excess Of 40ft Wide x 60ft Deep \ Integral Garage \ Sought After Daws Heath Location \ Off Street Parking No Onward Chain \ Sole Agents \ Keys Held \ Viewings Advised \ Call 01702 555888

Poors Lane, HADLEIGH

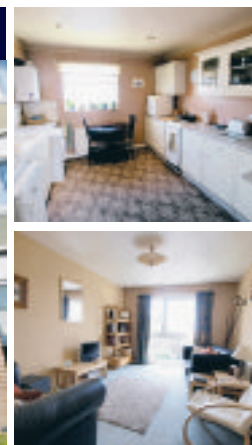
£349,995



Three Bedroom Detached Family Home \ Extremely Sought After Location \ Lounge/Diner 22'10 x 11'11 \ Kitchen 13'2 x 8'4 \ Conservatory 8'11 x 8'7 \ Bedroom One 12'10 x 11'11 \ Bedroom Two 10'4 x 9'7 \ Bedroom Three 9'11 x 7'0 \ Bathroom/Shower Room \ Separate W.c \ Garage \ Good Size Southerly Facing Garden \ Ample Off Street Parking \ Minutes Walk Of Poors Lane Woods \ Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

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Two Bedroom Top Floor Flat \ Lounge 14'3 x 10'9 \ Kitchen/Diner 11'10 x 10'9 \ Bedroom One 11'6 x 10'6 \ Bedroom Two 8'10 x 7'8 \ Three Piece Bathroom Suite \ Communal Gardens And Parking \ Long Established Lease Of Approx 100 Years \ Deceptively Spacious Accommodation \ No Onward Chain \ Close To Town Centre \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA Guide Price £250,000-£260,000



Attractive Three Bedroom Detached Family Home \ Lounge 16'7 x 11'2 \ Dining Room 12'5 x 8'5 \ Kitchen 12'6 x 9'1 \ Bedroom One 13'5 x 10'5 With Four Piece Ensuite Bathroom \ Bedroom Two 9'11 x 9'4 \ Bedroom Three 9'11 x 7'11 \ Three Piece Family Bathroom Suite \ Easily Maintainable Rear Garden \ Extremely Sought After Cul De Sac Location \ Easy Access Of Prittlewell Station \ Vacant Possession \ Keys Held For Accompanied Viewings \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH £225,000



Refurbished Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House \ No onward chain \ Lounge 13'11 x 11'11 \ Dining Room 11'11 x 9'10 \ Kitchen 12 x 11'5 \ Bedroom One 11'10 x 10'10 \ Bedroom Two 12 x 9'6 \ Bedroom Three 8'4 x 6 \ Three Piece Bathroom Suite \ Easy Maintained Rear Garden \ Long Driveway \ King John Catchment \ Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre \ Sole Agents \ Keys Held For Advised Viewings \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH Guide Price £240,000-£250,000



Three Bedroom Detached Family Home - Popular Daws Heath Location - Over Looking Little Haven Nature Reserve To The Front - Lounge 15'8 x 11'0 - Kitchen/Diner 14'6 x 12'2 - Cloakroom - Bedroom One 18'8 x 12'3 - Bedroom Two 10'0 x 9'7 - Bedroom Three 9'8 x 7'11 - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Garden In Excess Of 120ft - Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre, Morrisons and Denes School - Deceptively Spacious - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

BENFLEET £250,000



Four Bedroom Detached House \ Deceptively Spacious Accommodation \ Large Lounge With Raised Dining Area \ Good Size Kitchen/Breakfast Room \ Adjoining Conservatory \ Four First Floor Bedrooms Three Having Built In Wardrobes \ Bathroom/W.c And Separate Shower Room \ Easily Maintainable Rear Garden \ Detached Garage \ Sought After And Convenient Location \ Easy Access Of Manor Road \ Vacant Possession \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH £324,995



Four bedroom detached chalet - 100ft rear garden - Lounge 16'4 x 10'11 - Dining room 10'1 x 9'3 - Reception Room 11'4 x 9'0 - Open plan kitchen 10'10 x 7'10 - Conservatory 12'0 x 9'6 - Bedroom one 13'6 x 9'11 - Bedroom two 18'3 x 11'9 - Bedroom three 13'7 x 9'4 - Bedroom four 9'5 x 10'6 x 8'5 - Study/nursery 8'3 x 5'5 - Bathroom - Mostly uPVC double glazed - Extremely popular and sought after location - Sole agents - Viewing advised

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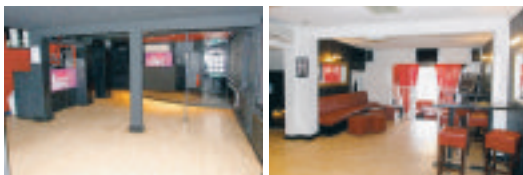
An attractive two bedroom first floor retirement flat situated close to Rayleigh High Street shops and bus routes. The property offers an exciting opportunity for a purchaser (over 55's) looking for a lovely home benefiting from lounge, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms with extensive bedroom furniture and modern shower room. The property is within a safe conveniently located development with communal lounge, laundry room, residents parking and gardens. Call 01268 742742.

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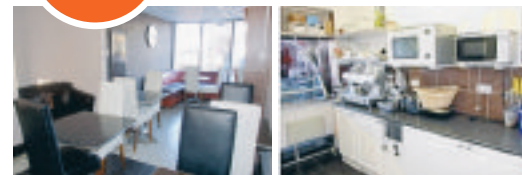
Priced for quick sale. An attractive modern detached three bedroom family house of well planned design with the benefit of an en-suite to master bedroom, ground floor cloakroom, 15'8 fitted kitchen/diner, southerly rear garden and attached garage. The property is conveniently situated for Sainsburys supermarket, local schools, bus routes and within easy access to the A127. No onward chain. Key held. Call 01268 742742.

BUSINESS SALE \ BAR & CLUB

We are instructed to offer for sale our client valuable business interest in this very well positioned bar/club within a busy Essex Town Centre. The club is only open evenings at the moment but in consideration of the space and facilities available we are sure that a new owner could radically improve the already impressive turnover figures. In addition to the main club premises the business has a function room, outside garden area and owners three bedroom flat above. The client is only selling due to other business commitments and we anticipate significant interest. Price £69,995 Call 01268 742742

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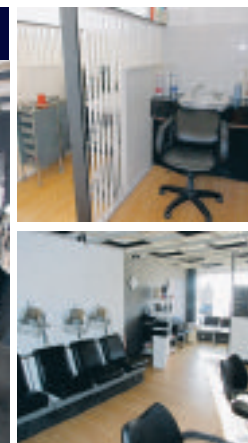
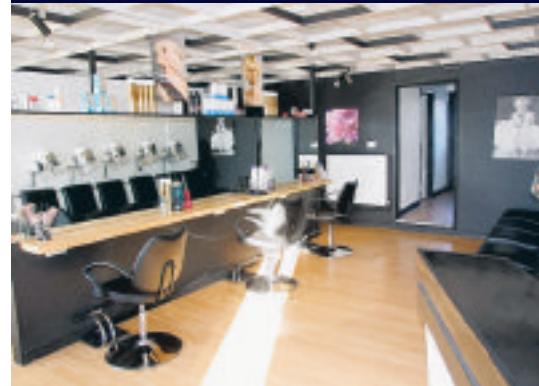
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A long established hairdressing salon with two bedroom flat that has been trading since 1972 with a proud record of good customer service and client retention. Accounts confirm healthy turnover figures. Sale due to retirement. Call 01268 742742

Rayleigh \ £950 pcm

Immaculate three bedroom semi detached house, situated within a sought cul de sac location yet close to main road links. This property offers spacious modern accommodation including a fully fitted kitchen/diner, cloakroom, luxury bathroom suite, en-suite to master, off street parking & garage. Call 01702 555888

Rayleigh \ £825 pcm

Two bedroom semi detached house benefiting from a modern fitted bathroom suite, off street parking & rear garden. Situated within walking distance to Rayleigh train station. Internal viewings essential.

Hadleigh \ £650 pcm

Totally refurbished two bedroom first floor purpose built flat, situated within the heart of Hadleigh high street convenient to all main bus route & local amenities. This property offer a modern fitted kitchen, white bathroom suite & allocated parking. Call 01702 555888

Basildon \ £595 pcm

Well maintained two bedroom first floor retirement apartment, situated on a warden controlled development for the over 55's with a 24hour care-line. Viewings strongly recommended. Call 01702 555888

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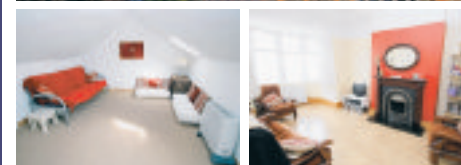
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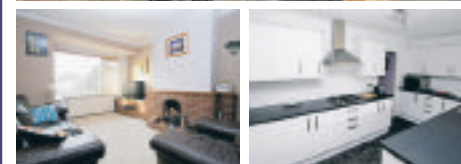
LEIGH-ON-SEA - £130,000

Deceptively spacious two double bedroom flat situated in the heart of Leigh convenient for local shops, restaurants & Chalkwell station. The accommodation benefits from a modern kitchen, gas central heating, and some double glazed windows. Ref: ETS4619



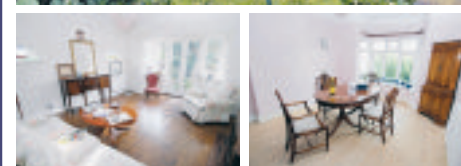
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA - OIEO £160,000

Recommended to view - spacious and well presented three bedroom terrace house conveniently situated for local bus routes, shops, schools and Priory Park. No onward chain. Ref: ETS4589



PRITTLEWELL - £215,000

Four bedroom semi detached house - integral garage on Manners Way Estate. Modern kitchen, lounge/diner and second reception room, en-suite bathroom to bedroom three. Ref: ETS4546

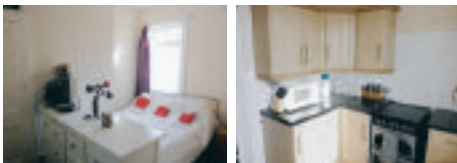


SOUTHEND-ON-SEA - £225,000

Impressive three bedroom detached bungalow opposite Priory Park convenient for train links & town centre. West facing lounge overlooking secluded garden, contemporary kitchen, garage. Ref: ETS4558

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA - £395 pcm

One double bedroom first floor close to seafront & local amenities. Offering modern fitted kitchen, lounge, bathroom, gas central heating & double glazing. Ref: R880



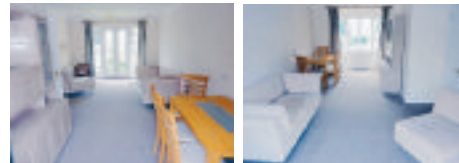
PRITTLEWELL - £525 pcm

One double bedroom first floor flat convenient for Prittlewell station - lounge, kitchen with integ. oven & hob, bathroom & ground floor wc, laminate flooring, courtyard garden Ref: R1756



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA - £595 pcm

Two bedroom first floor flat in Southend town centre close to station. Open plan lounge & kitchen, utility area, bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing. Ref: R765



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA - £595 pcm

For over 55's only. Beautifully newly redecorated one bedroom first floor flat benefiting from communal lifts and front door security. Ref: R1758



SOUTHCHURCH - £925 pcm

Three bedroom/three receptions terrace close to Southchurch Park & seafront, kitchen with oven, integ. fridge, freezer, modern bathroom and garden. Ref: R1754



LEIGH-ON-SEA - £650 pcm

Short term Let - Two bedroom/two reception detached bungalow. Garage, off street parking, kitchen with integ. oven & hob, washing machine & fridge, shower room, garden. Ref: R1726

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& company**LEIGH-ON-SEA £695,000**

Situated on the corner of Marine Parade and Hamboro Gardens a large 4-bedroom Semi-detached house over looking the Thames Estuary. Recently refurbished to a high standard comprising of many modern and contemporary features including large kitchen diner, 2 reception rooms and alarmed double garage.

**LEIGH-ON-SEA £149,995**

Benefitting from off street parking and own rear garden, a spacious two bedroom ground floor flat within walking distance to mainline station and broadway secured on a long lease. ehl1561

**LEIGH-ON-SEA £165,000**

Situated on the edge of the Marine estate and therefore within walking distance to broadway, mainline station and excellent bus routes is this deceptively large three bedroom, two reception room maisonette. No onward chain. ehl1568

**LEIGH-ON-SEA £249,995**

benefitting from a 130' south backing rear garden, detached garage and off street parking, an extended three bedroom house having been much improved throughout to provide superb, spacious accommodation. Must be viewed.

**LEIGH-ON-SEA £279,995**

Having views over the estuary towards the Kent coastline, a rare opportunity to purchase this deceptively large detached house ideally located for Broadway, mainline station and Old Leigh. Must be viewed. ehl1563

**LEIGH-ON-SEA £550,000**

Offering superb estuary views, a substantial three storey four bedroom semi detached house benefitting from detached garage and off street parking to rear ideally located for mainline station and broadway. Must viewed. ehl1566

**LEIGH-ON-SEA £325,000**

With spacious accommodation arranged over three floors, a four bedroom semi detached house ideally located for broadway shopping facilities and mainline station. No onward chain. ehl1552

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Q. If my offer on a property is accepted, shouldn't the agent concerned take it off the market?

A. Some estate agents will specifically request their clients' instructions on this matter. In most cases, however, the tacit assumption is made that once an offer has been accepted, active marketing should cease - although this does not absolve agents of their legal obligation to continue passing on any unsolicited offers which they may subsequently receive, unless specifically instructed not to do so.

That said, the fact remains that a seller is perfectly within his rights to require marketing to continue right up to exchange of contracts. Indeed, some types of seller - for example, corporate clients, or lenders looking to dispose of repossessed properties - routinely do so. And even if a property has been removed from the market, there is nothing to stop a seller changing his mind at a later date.

Much is made by consumer groups of the apparent unfairness of this situation. However, it's worth pointing out that buyers are equally free to change their minds - and frequently do. That is the nature of our system. Nothing is legally binding on either party until exchange.

What is the role of the estate agent in all this? Well, ultimately, of course, we are employed by the seller. We are - literally - his agent in the transaction. Nevertheless, only very rarely might we advise a client to continue marketing his property once a firm offer has been accepted - and then only if we start to have grave doubts about the current buyer's ability to proceed. Why? Well, primarily because we would be legally obliged to inform the latter of the fact, in writing - and therefore risk losing him altogether. The old saying about a bird in the hand has rarely been as relevant as it is in the current climate!

From time to time it has been suggested that England and Wales should adopt a similar system to that employed in other countries, where an offer becomes legally binding on both parties as soon as it is agreed. That would certainly address this particular issue once and for all.

But then again, is it really so unreasonable that both parties to such a significant transaction should have adequate time to reflect and even reconsider, before committing themselves irrevocably?

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His fear isn't unreasonable. If you've been renting the place out for six years, there could be a set of keys out there or a past tenant may have had a set copied. It may feel unlikely, even implausible, but it's a possible risk. You might also want to contact your local police. If you do decide to have the locks changed, it's worth having a security audit undertaken by the local cops. They are usually happy to help and will come up with some bright ideas you might want to take on board. Their advice is free, even if the security improvements won't be. But they will likely be inexpensive and include changing the locks.



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Drivetime

Mazda's five alive

By David Vivian

THE NAME might lead you to think that the CX-5 is nothing more than a perfunctory scaling-down of CX-7 SUV to fill the appropriate market slot. But it's far more than that. Part of Mazda's 'Skyactiv' programme, the CX-5 really is all new, from its engines to the way it's built. Most will want the 2.2 150PS diesel variant we look at here.

The CX-5 is Mazda's third SUV, following on from the larger CX-7 and much larger CX-9 (not sold in Europe). It's also the most important and interesting. Important because it competes in the key compact SUV sector, tasked with taking on impressive newcomers like the Audi Q3 as well as established stars such as the Land Rover Freelander and Ford Kuga. Interesting because a) it's the first production car to feature Mazda's new Kodo design language, showcased by the Minagi (a concept base for the CX-5) and Shinari show

cars and b) it's the first production car to implement Mazda's new Skyactiv technology which seeks to save fuel and the planet by matching rigid, lightweight construction with new super-efficient powertrains. Mazda's claim at launch is that CX-5 is the most eco-friendly compact SUV you can buy.

All-new Skyactive engines, then: a 2.0-litre petrol unit and the twin-turbo 2.2-litre diesel we look at here in 150PS form. Intriguingly, both share a 14:1 compression ratio, which is a very high value for the petrol motor, but said to improve economy, and lower-than-average for the oil-burner to reduce NOx. Thanks to the lower compression, the diesel's block can be made out of aluminium rather than iron, saving 25kg. It comes in two power outputs (175PS as well as 150PS) and both meet the super-stringent 2014 Euro-6 pollution regulations without the need for a Nitrogen Oxide trap.

The chassis has some

impressive moves, too, in some respects feeling more like it belongs to a well-sorted family hatch than a high-riding SUV, even if the steering is a little dead around the straight ahead. There's plenty of grip, a pleasing reluctance to run wide when negotiating tight bends and tautly controlled body movements.

Refinement is very good indeed, wind- and road-noise only becoming notably intrusive at higher speeds, and the engine's contribution is well suppressed, too, especially on the motorway.

It's a good-looking little SUV, the CX-5. Very much in the current Mazda idiom, it's a tautly contoured, cohesive design with a minimum of brightwork. It's exceptionally well packaged, too. Although significantly smaller than the CX-7 on the outside, there's actually more leg room in the rear and the materials used in the cabin are of higher quality. Not only is the rear seat roomy enough to carry two full-sized adults or three children without complaint, but the backrests have a

useful 40/20/40-split arrangement to accommodate long or bulky items. All three portions can be released from the 480-litre boot, which also offers some underfloor stowage space.

Up front, the driving position offers a fine, elevated view down the road while still feeling comfortably car-like. With two model lines and three engines to choose from, expect to pay between £21,000 and £29,000 for your Mazda CX-5. There are two trim options for each engine, starting with the 2.0-litre petrol unit which comes with a six-speed manual transmission. The diesel models are offered in both two- and four-wheel drive - the front-driver using the 150PS motor while 4x4 customers can stick with that or go for the 175PS powerplant and gain the option of a six-speed auto transmission.

The base trim level includes 17-inch alloys, front foglights, dual-zone climate control, parking sensors, privacy glass and Smart City Brake Support, which is Mazda's emergency braking function. Sport trim adds 19-inch alloys, active xenon headlights, leather trim with heat-

ed front seats, an electrically operated driver's chair and a reversing camera.

As you might hope, given the build up, the Mazda CX-5's economy and emissions stats are pretty spectacular. Best in range is the front-drive 150PS 2.2-litre diesel we tried which, when teamed with a six-speed manual gearbox, returns 61.4mpg on the combined cycle and emits just 119g/km of CO₂, which puts the car in the £30 per year road tax band C.

The 175PS diesel model with the auto 'box fitted is rather impressive, too, emitting 144g/km of CO₂ while travelling over 51 miles on each gallon of DERV. To put

that in some kind of perspective, a 138bhp VW Tiguan with the DSG 'box emits 158g/km and does 47.1mpg.

It's hard to see how the CX-5 can avoid being anything other than a big hit for Mazda, especially in 150PS 2.2-litre diesel form. An altogether more advanced prospect than the CX-7 (which will continue as a run-out model), it delivers understated style, excellent packaging, class-leading economy and emissions and very competitive equipment and pricing.

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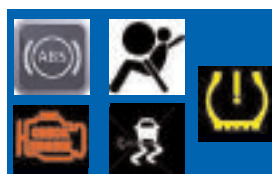
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In a survey it has been found that the traditional Sunday wash and wax is now declining as shopping takes over as the most popular weekend activity.

Many motorists don't clean their cars regularly and others only clean the windscreen when visibility becomes dangerously obscured. Some motorists claimed to never clean their car at all.

While dirty windows can compromise road safety and constitute an offence when they become obscured, the legal implications of having mucky number plates have also become more significant as speed enforcement devices, number plate recognition and congestion charging systems all need to view a number plate clearly.

Vehicle construction regulations state that motorists must ensure that they have full visibility through their windscreen and that their number plate must be clear. Whilst motorists will usually be encouraged to clean their vehicle if stopped by the police they can, in the worst-case scenario, be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice and fined if their vehicle is filthy.

The combination of dirty windows with low morning and evening sun in the autumn-time can completely obscure a drivers view and frequently causes accidents. Moreover, in times of more uncertain weather, vehicles will become dirty and dusty very quickly. When asked how often they clean their vehicles, 60 per cent of the drivers in a recent survey said that they clean their cars at least



once every two months. A further 28 per cent said that they would only have their car cleaned once every three to four months. Two per cent owned up to never cleaning them. Ten per cent of the motorists surveyed said that they only ever give their car a ' cursory ' clean when they found that their windscreen visibility was severely diminished.

The survey also found that the motorists who rarely clean their vehicles were overwhelmingly either company car drivers or owners of cars that were over five years old. Of those who admitted to only washing their cars infrequently, the majority said that their cars were regularly parked outside overnight - on the road or in a drive - rather than kept in a garage.

Edmund King, President of the AA, said: "Car owners who don't keep their cars clean could be compromising their own safety and that of other road users. There are also legal reasons why motorists need to keep their cars clean, not least that much new camera technology works on number plate recognition."

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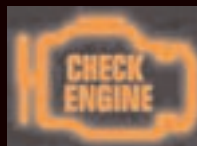
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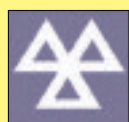
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We are looking to recruit a tutor to work at our Westcliff Centre for Learners with Multiple and Profound Disabilities and Difficulties. You will work with a small group of learners at this purpose built centre. You will be responsible for the planning and the delivery of a curriculum based upon the ASDAN pre-entry programme.

Midday Assistant (two positions available) (Ref: MA06)

Salary: £6.38 per hour, Hours: 11.30am-2pm Monday to Friday (Term time only - 40 weeks per year)

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We are looking for people with a quiet but confident nature who has an empathy with young adults with complex and severe learning disabilities to help supervise and care for pupils' particular special needs during lunchtimes.

Part of your duties will include dealing with students' individual and personal care including changing and feeding by mouth or tube.

Education and Care Assistants (two positions available) (Ref: ECA06)

Salary: NJC Level 5, SPC 17-22: (£16,830-£19,621 pro rata), Hours: 27 per week Monday - Friday 9.25am-3.45pm with 45 minutes for lunch break (Term time only - 40 weeks per year).

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We are looking to recruit two members of staff to support the planning and delivering of a curriculum designed for students with complex and severe learning difficulties. Part of your duties will include dealing with students' individual and personal care needs including changing and feeding by mouth or tube. Full training will be given.

For further information on any of the above vacancies please call Kate Salleh on 01702 330617

We would expect applicants to arrange a visit to the Centre before applying, to arrange this contact Kate Salleh on the number above.

All posts will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB clearance

To download an application form and job profile, please visit our website:
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Southend Adult Community college welcomes applications regardless of gender, disability, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation or faith.

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Public Notices

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

(FAIRFAX DRIVE, WESTCLIFF ON SEA)

(PROHIBITION OF ENTRY) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (hereinafter referred as "the Council") acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, and of all other enabling powers, intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order which will temporarily prohibit any person from entering, **Fairfax Drive from its junction with Prittlewell Chase to its junction with Shakespeare Drive** except upon the direction of or with the permission of a police constable or civil enforcement officer in uniform, to cause any vehicle, with the exception of a vehicle belonging to the emergency services, the RNI or Coastguard, or statutory undertakers, the Council or its contractors in connection with the execution of essential gas mains replacement works as described below:-

Enter Fairfax Drive between its junction with Prittlewell Chase and its junction with Shakespeare Drive

A diversionary route for the **banned movements** will be in operation whilst the works take place and will be signed on site.

The temporary prohibitions imposed by the Order will come into effect on **9th July 2012** and shall remain in force for up to 18 months or the duration of the works, whichever is the earlier. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by **6th August 2012**.

The restrictions shall be regulated by signage and/or physical barriers.

The restrictions are required in the interests of road safety for both members of the public and the workforce.

R Tinlin,

Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6ER

Dated: 2nd July 2012

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

Notice is hereby given that: Valiant Sports Limited of the following address: Suite 3 Shenley Pavillions, Chalkdell Drive, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes, MK5 6LB are applying for a Bingo premises licence under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005. The application relates to the following premises: Rileys, 258 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1BW. The application has been made to: The Licensing Authority, Public Protection Division (Floor 12), Department of Enterprise, Tourism and the Environment, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ZG Website: www.southend.gov.uk. Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application. Any of the following persons may make representations in writing to the licensing authority about the application: A person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities. A person who has business interests that may be affected by the authorised activities. A person who represents someone in any of the above two categories. Any representations must be made by the following date: 25 July 2012

It is an offence under section 316 of the Gambling Act 2005 if a person, without reasonable excuse, gives to a licensing authority for a purpose connected with that Act information which is false or misleading.

SIGNED NICHOLAS LYND-HURST (RODNEY TROTTER), picture in black frame, authentic signature, 20 x 14in, perfect condition, £99, no offers. Tel: 01268 422399.

ETERNAL BEAU 12 wine glasses £15. Eternal Beau, teapot, vgc. £8. Durable head, board, cream & silver, gc. £10. Little Tikes, dolls house, gc. £15. Tel: 01268 570 562.

DANSK TWO SEATER sofa, light brown, length 55in x height 30in x depth 35in, £30. Tel: 01702 296 869.

STIGA WOOD SHREDDING machine, K801, 2000 watts, used once, exe cond, £50 ovno. Tel: 01375 856 442.

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MID SLEEPER CHILDRENS BED integral desk & chair, Hampshire range from Dreams, natural beech, including mattress, exe cond, buyer collects, £100. Tel: 07812 335 181.

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COMPUTER very fast Pentium 4 HP, loaded windows XP pro, office XP 17in flatscreen, keyboard, mouse, free delivery & set-up, £70. Tel: 07795 363391.

LITTLE PEOPLE TRACK plus lots of extras, exe cond, £12. Vertical blinds, ideal conservatory, 1yr old, exe cond, from £40. Tel: 07788 158 076.

SQUARE GLASS DINING table with black marble base 130cm 4 black chairs VGC from furniture village cost £499 except £95 Tel:07891 283349

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G-PLAN CORNER display unit, as new condition, buyer collects, £40. Chinese rug, 10ft x 6ft, oval, exe cond, greens & blacks, buyer collects, £40. Garden ornaments, two concrete lions, £20 each, buyer collects. Tel: 01268 770 633.

WATCH Ferrari, £75. GLASS TV CABINET, takes 32-40in TV, three tier, £30. CHROME JAGUAR CAR BONNET EMBLEM, £50. TELEPHONE CABINET, dark wood, solid, with magazine rack, drawer, £25. Tel: 01702 529364.

GEORGE FOREMAN FAMILY SIZE HEALTH GRILL, easy clean removable grill plates, complete with accessories, instructions, recipe book, Argos £70, brand new, never used, bargain £25ovno. Tel: 01702 353150.

THREE SEATER SETTEE one easy chair, puffs, beige, terracotta cushions, vgc, £35. Tel: 01268 540 443.

THREE LADIES MOUNTAIN BIKES exe cond, from £60. Three girls mountain bikes, 20 & 24in wheels, exe cond, from £25. Three boys mountain bikes, 20 & 24in wheels, exe cond, from £25. Tel: 01268 767 959.

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GIRLS CLOTHES dresses, skirts, tops, coat, all Monsoon, age 6-8yrs, as new, £15. Boys clothes, shorts, jeans, chinos, tops, all Adidas, Next, Zara, Nike, as new, age 9-11yrs, £40. Tel: 01268 419856.

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Andy through to regional finals of amateur golf competition

Golf

AN AMATEUR golfer from Grays has qualified for a regional golf tournament later this month.

Andy Morris won the Essex Audi Group Invitational last Tuesday at the Ballards Gore Golf Club, in Rochford, with a score of 37 points in the Stableford rules matches.

The Audi quattro Cup, being staged for the 22nd year, is the world's largest amateur golf competition with almost 80,000 players from more than 50 countries competing for a place in the week-long World Final.

The competition in Essex was one of 50 being staged throughout the UK.

About 70 amateur golfers contested the 18-hole competition at Ballards Gore with the top eight finishers now pairing up for the Regional Final at Woburn Golf Club, near Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, on Tuesday, July 17.

Following the regionals, the top 18 pairs going forward to the Audi Quattro Cup UK Final at Bowood Golf & Country Club near Calne, Wiltshire on September 6-7.

Two pairs will then represent Great Britain in the World Final staged at the Arabella Golf Club, Western Cape, South Africa, from November 23-27.

SUCCESS: Stansted Audi's Ivan Howell alongside Essex Audi Group Ballards Gore GC tournament winner Andy Morris.



Essex County Football Association

Thacker steps down from county ref role

ESSEX FA's referee development officer Terry Thacker has stepped down from the role after a decade employed by the association.

Terry started working for the association in October 2002, and recalls: "I've enjoyed all my time at the Essex County FA, and a lot of what I did I was already doing for the Essex Referees Association as a volunteer before getting the job. I'm proud to have helped to increase the number of active referees in the county and improving levels of in-service training."

Although Terry has officially retired, his quest to develop referees in Essex will continue. But he says his wife will have to adjust to him being at home for longer spells.

"I've been asked to continue tutoring on the referee courses and will still be assessing referees for promotion. I'll also probably be getting on Sue's nerves," he added.

He plans to continue his tutoring responsibilities as well as assisting with the appointment of referees to matches for his local Sunday league in the Colchester area.

James Lisher will remain in the referee development department at the County Office and Terry thinks anyone looking to take up the whistle should not hesitate.

"Since I started refereeing in 1973 I've met so many good people involved in football and have made many friends," Terry added. "People often ask me why I wanted to be a referee. I can honestly say refereeing is a good hobby, and if you're prepared to put the effort in the rewards are great."

For more information visit the website at www.essexfa.com

Hammers welcome back Davidsson in time for Swindon

Lakeside Hammers

LAKESIDE Hammers will welcome back former rider Jonas Davidsson for this week's fixtures.

The former Hammer of the Year and Swedish World Cup international will make his seasonal debut at Swindon on Thursday before a return to the Arena-Essex Raceway on Friday against Birmingham Brummies.

His arrival means Lakeside will return to a full team of seven riders for the first time since the

tragic death of captain Lee Richardson, relieving the burden of extra riders on the remaining six, which has seen the club slip from top to third in the Sky Sports Elite League table.

Hammers co promoter, Jon Cook, said: "It's great to have JD (Jonas Davidsson) back and his enthusiasm to come back to the club was evident from the moment we spoke. Unlike last season's cameo appearance this time we have half a season left to race and, therefore, he will be bringing over his own equipment to make sure he does the job

he, and we, expect. On his day few can match JD around the Raceway and it's with that firmly in mind that we have made this move.

"The lads have done admirably coping with Lee's loss and I can't speak highly enough of them all. However, the cracks have been showing for the last few matches and we felt we dare not wait any longer to make a move or else our League hopes could be damaged. JD will add to the spirit and will be good for Kim (Nilsson) in particular."

Chelmsford take over at the top

Shepherd Neame Essex Cricket

PREMIER DIVISION

THE lead at the top of the table changed hands as Chelmsford overtook Wanstead following Saturday's fixtures.

Chelmsford were made to work for their 22-run win at lowly Woodford Wells. It looked good as they put up 260-5, with Nick Prowling hitting 112 and Dan Hagen 54. Wells tried their best to respond through Rory Ellison (75 not out) and Arun Chinnaraj (51) but fell short.

Wanstead dropped to second after losing by eight runs at Colchester & East Essex.

The hosts were dismissed for 193 as Julian Russell (55) and Sam Foster (55) scoring well, while Wanstead's Mohammed Fayyaz Khan took 6-45. Wanstead's batsman failed to fire as Kieran Savill helped himself to four wickets.

Ardleigh Green remain bottom while Ilford moved cleared of the drop zone following their 105-run victory.

Abir Chippa's 106 was the backbone of Ilford's innings of 231 while their bowlers made short work of Ardleigh's batting line-up. Theeban Tavarasa took 5-47 as Ardleigh were dismissed for 123.

South Woodford and Brentwood remain in third and fourth respectively after playing out a draw.

Dave Hammond's knock of 76 guided Brentwood to 279-6 but they could not take South Woodford's last wicket as they ended on 221-9. Opener Nick Browne topped scored with 58.

They was also nothing to separate Shenfield and Buckhurst Hill. An impressive 126 from Buckhurst opener Russell Beckett helped them to 291-7, while bowler Todd Astle took 6-47 but Shenfield held on to the draw with 221-8.

DIVISION ONE

CHINGFORD continue to head the table after a 79-run victory over Harlow.

High scores by Sam Kirmon (97) and Matthew O'Sullivan (86 not out) helped Chingford to 241-5. Ben MacGregor then did the damage with the ball taking 5-57 as Harlow were 162 all out, Usman Han top scoring with 54.

Hadleigh lost ground in second after their draw with Fives and Heronians, who posted 217-7 in the opening innings, Chris White contributing with 66. The batting order for Hadleigh struggled but hung on at 186-9 for the draw as Ryan Cunningham helped himself to 5-36.

Upminster beat near rivals Hornchurch by one wicket. Hornchurch scored 178-9 with Billy Gordon hitting 51 while John Curtis took 5-83.

Upminster made hard work of their chase, but James Aggio-Brewe helped with 50 while knocks of 34 and 31 respectively from Oliver Peck and Junaid Sarwar helped Upminster to third while Hornchurch drop into the bottom two.

Loughton hauled themselves out of the relegation zone after beating Orsett by 11 runs.

It looked good for Orsett who dismissed Loughton for 135 as Shahid Khan took 5-20, but

Salim Akbar was on form for Loughton, taking 7-47, backed up by Bilal Butt (3-52) as Orsett went for 124.

Southend EMT remain bottom but picked up a draw against Hainault & Clayhall. Ben Wathen produced a knock of 90 as Southend were all out for 185 but Hainault were lucky to hold on for the draw, holding on at 151-8 as Modassar Ibrahim helped himself to five wickets.

DIVISION TWO

WICKFORD remain in control at the top after winning at Horndon on the Hill by 40 runs.

Jack Marson took 5-52 for Horndon but they struggled to remove Wickford opener Naem Uddin who scored a wonderful 132 to help his side to 223.

Horndon's tail order collapsed in their chase as Wickford's Andrew Metcalfe and Andy Baker took four wicket apiece.

Harold Wood are ten points behind in second following their six wicket victory at Belhus.

The hosts set a respectable 223-7 as Joe Joyce (79) and Danny Joyce (58) produced the bulk of the runs but Wood's batsmen, Phil Clark (78) and Colin Sher (50) more than matched them as Wood clinched the win.

Old Southendian & Southchurch keep a watching brief in third as they saw off Gidea Park & Romford by 20 runs. Adam Hunt was the star for Old Southendians as he took 7-44 as Gidea Park failed in their chase of 143.

The remaining fixtures ended in draws.

Bottom side Basildon & Pitsea held on to a draw

at Stanford Le Hope with two wickets in hand.

Luke Abbey hit 91 as Stanford, backed up by Martin Leslie's 52, as their side put up 252-6, but Basildon put stoic performance, Liam Rouse the pick of the batsman with 59.

Second bottom Westcliff on Sea drew against near rivals Leigh on Sea. Leigh's Joe Sexton took six wickets while batsman John Dyos scored 73.

DIVISION THREE

BILLERICAY remain top but were held to a draw by third place Harlow Town.

Paul Walter was once again in the runs for Billericay with 107, with Gary Hynes hitting 61 as Billericay scored 230-6, but Town dug deep, finishing on 202-5 with an unbeaten knock of 75 by Ramya Upadhyay.

Second place Hutton closed the gap with a 19-run victory over Woodford Green. Ali Raza took 6-50 for Woodford as Hutton were 151 all out but Woodford's batsman struggled in their chase despite a late rally, going for 132 as Naem Iqbal took 6-63.

Benfleet scored an emphatic 146-run win at Old Parkonians who were bowled for 55 in their chase of 201-8. Gareth Steed and David Miles took four wickets apiece for Benfleet.

West Essex went above Woodford Green after beating Old Brentwoods by six wickets, Abdul Gafangaf taking seven wickets.

Baqar Ali took 5-43 as bottom side Epping took their first win of the season by five runs at Pegasus & Corringham.

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